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"MALICIOUS RUMOURS" ABOUT MR. EDEN

Holiday For Health Reasons

NO OTHER CONSIDERATION

London, To-day.

Rumours that the sudden departure for the French Riviera of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, were caused by other than health reasons, are strongly denied by "The Times."

The paper points out that Mr. Eden has had only one month's vacation in 21 months of office, and that of this one month he spent a fortnight in England continuing to direct the affairs of the Foreign Office.

His trip to the Riveira had already been decided upon when Mr. Eden was in Geneva but the journey had to be postponed owing to "malicious rumours."

The "Daily Telegraph" learns that the Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Joseph Beck, visited Mr. Eden immediately after the latter's arrival in Monte Carlo.

The two statesmen, the paper adds, conversed together for half an hour.—Trans-Ocean.

MALAGA'S FALL

VALENCIA ADMITS DEFEAT

Valencia, To-day.

The insurgent capture of Malaga is officially admitted by the Valencia Government.

A Seville messages says that Malaga has been occupied by four insurgent columns.

According to General del Lano, in a broadcast speech, "there was a little resistance at first from madmen who entrenched themselves in the houses."

The Government troops left only eighty dead behind them before their retreat and only a few insurgents were wounded.—Reuter.

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Attempt On Life Of Rosenberg

Paris, To-day.

A bulletin issued by Spanish rebel radio stations states that an attempt has been made to assassinate the Soviet envoy in Spain, M. Moses Rosenberg.

Another attempt, the reports allege, was made on the Soviet Consul-General at Barcelona.—Trans-Ocean.

VOROSHILOV AND STALIN AT PEACE

G.P.U. NOT TO INTERFERE WITH RED ARMY IN RUSSIA

London, To-day.

The rumours of differences in opinion between Stalin and Marshal Voroshilov, Commissar for War, are denied by the Moscow correspondent of the "News Chronicle" and the Riga correspondent of the "Morning Post."

The latter declares that Stalin and Marshal Voroshilov have agreed that the Red Army be free from G. P. U. supervision except in the case of officers serving abroad as military attaches or engaged in espionage at home or abroad.

These officers, asserts the correspondent, are all subject to supervision by the G. P. U. and may be arrested at any moment.

Rumours of mass arrests of Soviet officers, he concludes, are unfounded though there have been individual arrests.—Reuter.

FOREIGNERS TO FACE TRIAL

New Mass Hearing In Moscow

Moscow, To-day.

More than twenty foreigners and a large number of Soviet Russians will be defendants in the next trial for anti-Government activities.

The trial will start on March 17 before the military branch of the Supreme Court, and the public will not be admitted to most of the proceedings.—Trans-Ocean.

COLONY'S MILK

NO STEPS YET FOR COMPULSORY PASTEURISATION

Government is not taking any steps at the moment, regarding the compulsory pasteurisation of milk, was the gist of a reply to a question on this subject this morning.

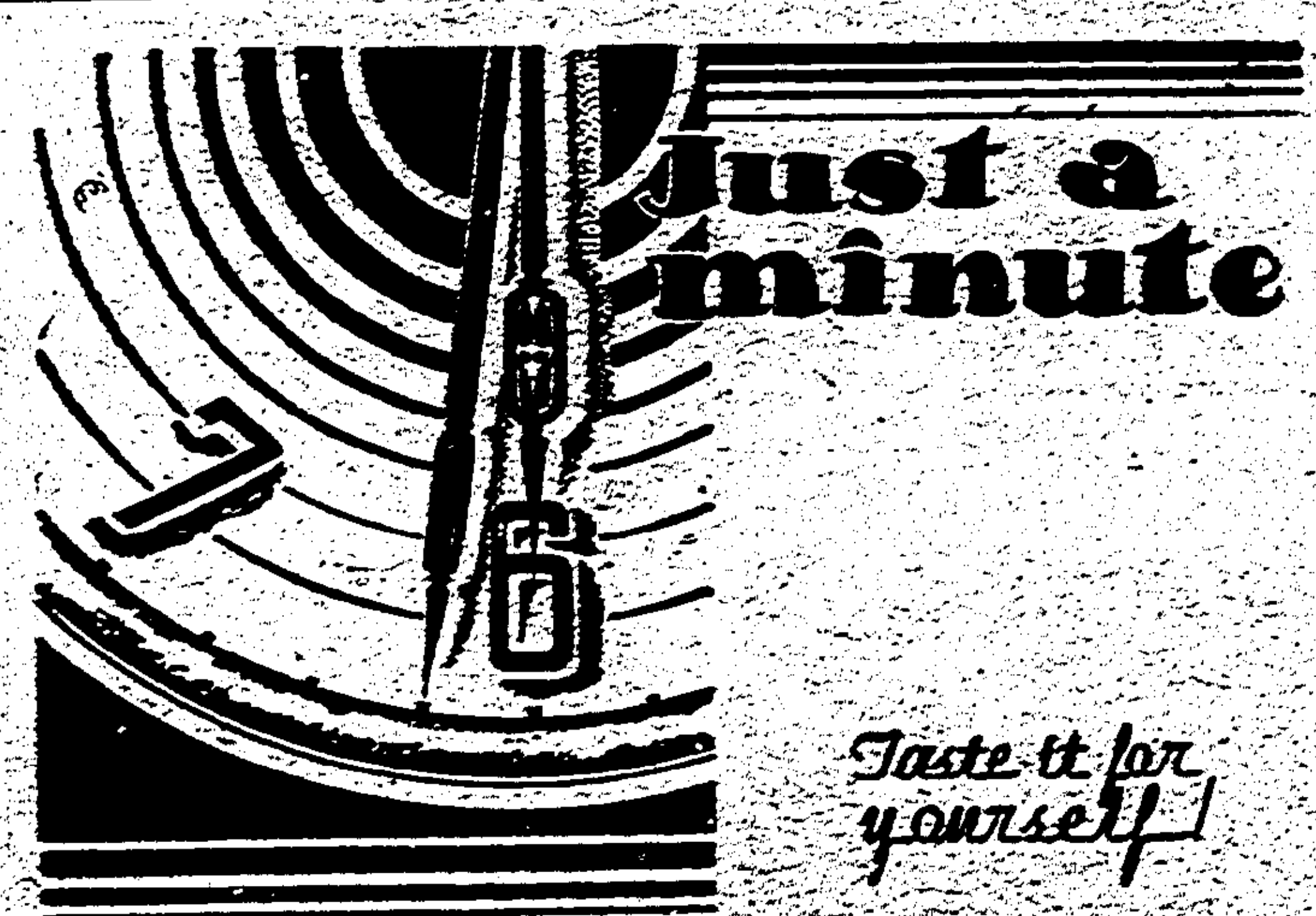
The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, in an interview with the "China Mail" said the question was a difficult one as it involved small dairies, money etc.

No statement is being issued at present, beyond the report of the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, Director of Medical Services, which has already been published.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone has decreased slightly in intensity, and moved eastward; pressure is now highest over the Sea of Japan. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy generally.

Nine cases of diphtheria, with two deaths, were reported to the Health Officer last week. In the same period, there were six typhoid cases, one of measles, one of chicken-pox and two of meningitis. Fifty-six deaths occurred as the result of tuberculosis.



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BRITISH CABINET: MANY NEW FACES LIKELY

DRASTIC CHANGES AFTER THE CORONATION MACDONALD TO GO AMONG OTHERS

London, To-day.

Several important changes in the British Cabinet will take place after the Coronation ceremonies, declares the "Daily Express."

The paper states that Mr. Neville Chamberlain, at present Chancellor of the Exchequer, will take Mr. Stanley Baldwin's place as Premier, while several other members of the Cabinet will resign.

They include, the paper says, the Secretary for War, Mr. A. Duff Cooper.

Hailsham To Resign?

It is also rumoured that the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, intends to resign, and that Sir John Simon, at present Home Secretary, will succeed him.

The Lord President of the Council, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, is also expected to hand in his resignation when Mr. Baldwin retires from office.—Trans-Ocean.

FLEET ACTION POSSIBLE

Valencia Warships Sent To Malaga

Paris, To-day.

The vanguard of the advancing troops is already in possession of the first houses in Malaga, as well as the aviation field and a large sugar factory.

With the approach of darkness a halt was called in the advance owing to the dangers entailed by a night attack through the city streets.

It is also hoped that the rebel columns advancing from the north and east will have arrived this morning and that a general attack can begin simultaneously from all sides.

It is reported that the Government fleet, which hitherto has laid inactive in the harbour at Cartagena, has received orders to proceed to Malaga and assist in defending the city against rebel attacks.—Trans-Ocean.



Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

FLOOD PERIL OVER

LEVEES EXPECTED TO HOLD

WATERS SLOWLY FALLING

Washington, To-day.

The flood waters continue to fall slowly at Louisville and Cairo, Illinois, and as far south as fifty miles above Memphis, Tennessee.

Army engineers are confident that the levee system will retain the Mississippi flood water all the way to the sea.

President Roosevelt is reported to have acceded to the request of Mid-Western members of Congress to create an Ohio River Authority after the pattern of the Tennessee Valley Administration.

The Authority would supervise flood control and restore industries in the devastated areas.—Reuter.

AUDIENCE OUT IN TIME

Big Fire Disaster

Mexico City, To-day.

A big fire destroyed an arena in the city shortly after a crowd of several thousands had left it at the end of an entertainment.

No casualties are reported.—Reuter.

An agreement, submitted jointly by the Governments of Great Britain and Portugal, regarding the definition of the frontier between Tanganyika and Mozambique, is on the agenda of the meeting of the League Council.

Mobilisation of Industry For Armaments

London, To-day.

The general mobilisation of all English industries necessary for a complete armaments programme has been planned by the British Government.

Special emphasis is placed on constructional projects such as the laying out of aviation field, building munition factories, subterranean aeroplane hangars and bomb-proof cellars.

English Trade Union leaders demand, according to the "Daily Herald," that the carrying out of the plan shall not lead to neglect of housing projects, which have already been begun in order to rid the manufacturing cities of their slums.

In order to regulate the matter a conference will take place in the near future between Government officials and Trade Union leaders.—Trans-Ocean.

THE WORLD GOES BY

WAKING up this morning with one of those heads with which you are doubtless familiar, I realised that I had broken, with a loud crashing noise, one of my most important New Year resolutions. I had punished a bottle with a white label on it, and now the bottle is punishing me. Yellow snakes wearing purple top hats and check plus-fours are crawling over the paper. Specks are dancing in front of my eyes. At intervals everything goes blank. But need I continue? You know what I mean.

Anyway, it leads me to ponder on the origin of New Year resolutions. Their making is a barbaric custom, so is their breaking, but I can find no mention of them in the early history of our race in spite of a most diligent search.

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I have searched through encyclopaedias, a tattered Bradshaw, Burke, Old Moore and Mrs. Beeton's famous publication, as well as a lot of other learned tomes, but I am still no wiser as to the origin of the whole business.

One thing is certain. It must be of Anglo-Saxon origin. Neither Josephus, nor Herodotus, Homer nor Virgil, make any mention of it.

Or perhaps they simply ignored it because they didn't know any better.

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However I have ferretted out a few hundredweights of perfectly useless information, which I will now pass on to you, thus fulfilling the first function of the press, schools and other institutions responsible for your education.

The Persians, for instance, celebrated the New Year by exchanging presents of eggs. A survival of this custom, slightly modified through the passage of the years, exists at political meetings, small-town variety shows, etc.

Our own Henry III used to extort New Year gifts in the form of taxes from all his subjects in much the same way as Mr. Chamberlain does to-day.

In Rome they used to give presents to the magistrates with much flourish of trumpets. (Local beaks please note).

Some unkind people may add that the custom still persists, though not exclusively as a New Year rite, in the United States of America.

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I'm sorry. This is a trifle unseasonal, isn't it? But I'm not going to start again. You will have to make the best of it.

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There is a notice on the Star Ferry advising passengers to pass along quickly. Now, I realise that one shouldn't stroll leisurely off the ferry humming a snatch of song but why all this haste shown by so many people? "Thank God I'm off the boat," they seem to say, and tread on feet and ankles (generally mine) in their efforts to put as great a distance as possible between them and the noble craft which has just transported them across the harbour.

Surely we have enough "pep" (horrid word) slung at us from morn till night in this hard world

CRASH LANDING IN FRANCE

Incident Provokes Enquiries

Paris, To-day. The crash landing made by a Spanish Government aeroplane near Brive la Gaillarde on Sunday has caused much comment in the editorial columns of Paris newspapers.

Brive is 250 kilometres from the Franco-Spanish frontier and the two occupants of the plane, who were not injured, declared that they had lost their direction.

The "Matin" expresses doubt as to the veracity of this statement and believes the plane was a French machine.

Accusations were made in the French Chamber recently that Devotion planes, the latest and best in the French Air Force, had been supplied to the Valencia Government. This was denied by the Air Minister.

Another Incident

Another Spanish Government plane made a forced landing on Sunday near Miramonty, in Gascony. The aviators also declared they had lost their way and did not realise that they had crossed the French frontier.

"Le Jour" asks how one can fly across the entire Pyrenees chain without seeing it.—Trans-Ocean.

PORTUGAL AND SPAIN

Britain Bringing Pressure

London, To-day. Over half the Powers concerned have not yet answered the questions of the non-intervention committee regarding control of the Spanish civil war, declares the "News Chronicle".

Although Portugal still maintains her attitude of refusal it is stated that the British Government is exercising pressure to bring her into line with the other Powers.

It is also believed that Germany and Italy have intimated to Portugal that she should not stand in the way of effective control of troops and munitions crossing the Spanish frontiers.—Trans-Ocean.

YOUTHFUL KING OF EGYPT

Planning Lengthy Tour Of Europe

London, To-day. King Faruk, the 17-year-old ruler of Egypt, will begin a tour of Europe at the end of the month, according to press reports from Cairo.

The journey will be in the nature of an educational tour and the monarch will travel unofficially, accompanied by his mother and sisters.

He will visit the important industrial countries and will probably arrive in London during the Coronation festivities.—Trans-Ocean.

without intruding it into those odd moments when we can saunter along with all our worries, temporarily, at least, forgotten? I believe it is the Chinese who say that foreigners almost break their necks in order to get somewhere two minutes earlier and then are at a complete loss when they have reached their destination.

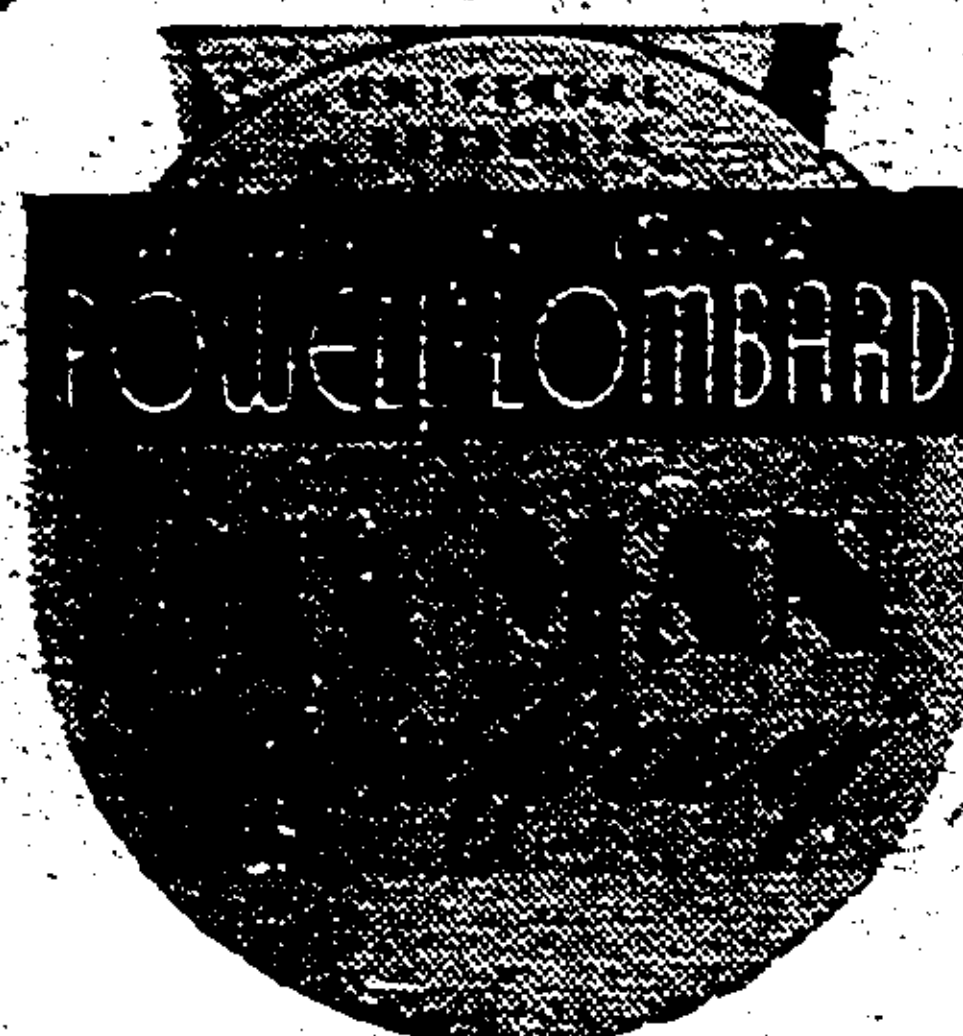
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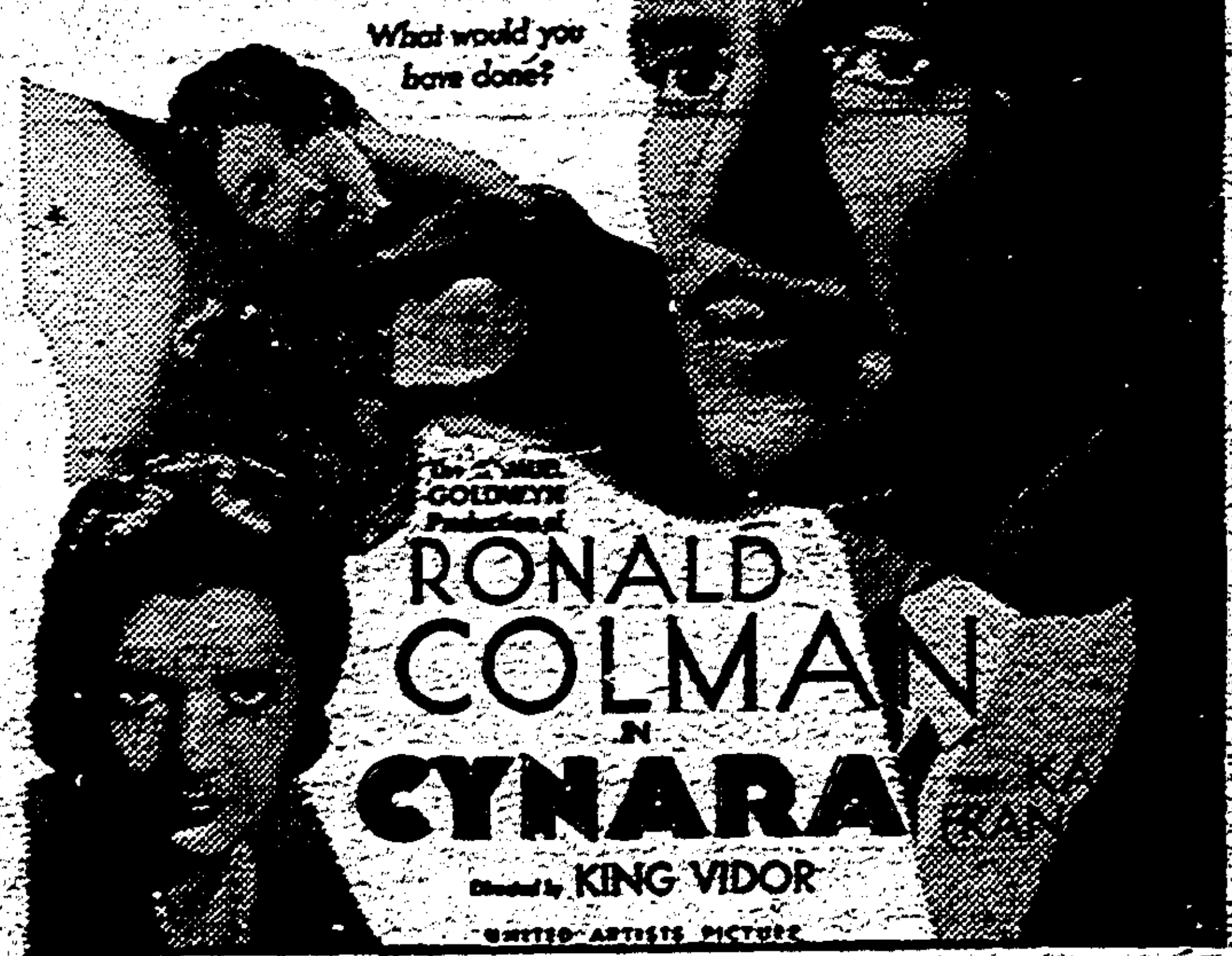
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AUSTRALIA CONSENTS TO USE AS FAR AS SYDNEY

MELBOURNE, TO-DAY.

AUSTRALIA HAS CONSENTED TO USE THE NEW GIANT IMPERIAL AIRWAYS' FLYING-BOATS BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND SYDNEY UNDER THE TERMS OF A NEW EMPIRE AIR MAIL AGREEMENT WHICH HAS JUST BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND AUSTRALIA.

The scheme will last fifteen years, with the right of revision, while the Commonwealth will retain the present surcharge of five-pence a half ounce.

Although Australia will use the new flying-boats her consent to this may be withdrawn if the arrangement proves unsatisfactory.

If the difficulties prove insuperable, Britain will accept the principle of Australian control over the Singapore section of the route.

Meanwhile there is to be no reduction in the mail subsidy to the Orient Line and the Commonwealth will contribute the maximum of £30,000 for maintenance of the new route which will open on January 1 next year.

Australia's mail payments range between a minimum of £32,000 and a maximum of £52,000, while the subsidy will be between £40,000 and £50,000.—Reuter.

GOODYEAR STRIKE

Quick Settlement
Achieved

Akron (Ohio), To-day.

The strike in the Goodyear Company's plant number two, which has been progressing for the past four days, has been settled. All the 5,000 workers concerned have resumed operations.—Reuter.

DICTATORSHIP BOGEY IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

IN SPITE OF STORMS OF PROTEST ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING SCATHING ATTACKS IN PAPERS SUCH AS THE "NEW YORK TIMES," PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS REPORTED TO BE DETERMINED TO PRESS ON HIS ANNOUNCED REFORMS IN THE SUPREME COURT.

MORAL AID FOR UNIONS

WASHINGTON AND MOTOR STRIKE

Detroit, To-day.

The conferences between Labour leaders and General Motors were resumed yesterday but there has been no indication of agreement on the question of recognition of the right of workers to collective bargaining.

It is on this matter that the conference is expected to break down. Mr. William Green, head of the American Federation of Labour, disclosed yesterday that Washington had telegraphed to Mr. Frank Murphy, Governor of Michigan, urging him to see that the "rights" of the federated unions were protected in the negotiations.—Reuter.

NO DURBAR IN INDIA

Decision Officially
Notified

London, To-day.

King George yesterday informed the Secretary of State for India that he will not be able to hold a Coronation Durbar in India next winter.

The duties and responsibilities which he assumed when he ascended the Throne under unexpected circumstances, the King is said to have pointed out, made a prolonged absence from England during the first year of his reign unfortunately impossible.

The King added, however, that he intends to pay a visit to India at a later date.—Trans-Ocean.

SOUTH AFRICA "VICEROY"

London, To-day.

The King yesterday invested Mr. Patrick Duncan, the Governor-General Designate of South Africa, with the Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George.—Reuter.

The "Washington Herald," in an editorial, goes so far as to say that when the people voted for Mr. Roosevelt they voted for a dictator and now they are going to get one.

The Chief Executive, however, remains unperturbed and yesterday summoned the Chairmen of the Senate and House of Representatives' judiciary committees to lunch.

Means were discussed for obtaining early Congressional action on the President's proposals.—Reuter.

IN OR OUT?

GERMANY AND BASLE BANK

Basle, To-day.

A denial that Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the German Reichsbank, had declared the discontinuance of relations between the Reichsbank and the Bank of International Settlements, was issued here yesterday.

The denial followed a meeting of Governors of the Bank, while an official communique also confirms that Dr. Schacht and other German members are remaining on the Board of the Bank.

YOUNG PLAN OBLIGATIONS
Yesterday's reports credited Dr. Schacht with saying that Germany would continue to co-operate with the Bank but only on the basis of Herr Hitler's declaration and on a footing of complete equality with other States.

Germany's obligations under the Young Plan, by which she must be represented on the Bank and furnish certain information, were no longer binding. The suggestion was that Dr. Schacht was retaining his position on the board as President of the Reichsbank but not as a Cabinet Minister.—Reuter.

Mr. H. Hallgren, Managing-Director of the Swedish Trading Co., Ltd., since he first came to Hong Kong in 1927, is returning to the Colony on the M/S "Gnesenau" after a long holiday at home. He left Hong Kong in April, last year, and during his holiday has visited many Continental countries and was present at the Berlin Olympiad. He also tried to arrange for the Chinese Football team to play in Stockholm, but unfortunately, due to lack of time such matches did not materialize.

Japanese Army Pamphlet Causes Stir

London, To-day.

A pamphlet issued by the Japanese Army and containing sentiments unfriendly to Britain, was mentioned in the House of Commons yesterday by Captain Alan Graham (Wirral, Conservative).

Captain Graham asked whether Mr. Anthony Eden would instruct the British Ambassador to repre-

sent to the Japanese Government that in order to maintain Anglo-Japanese friendship the Japanese Government should dissociate themselves from the sentiments expressed in the pamphlet.

Viscount Cranborne replied that he would call for a report and bear in mind the suggestion advanced.—Reuter.

Studio Recital To-night By Anne Winter

12.30-2.10 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30—The London Symphony Orchestra.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03—Vocal Gems from Light Opera and Musical Comedy.
1.25—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40—A Relay of the Rotary Club Tiffin Speech from the Roof-Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
Mr. L. W. Aups on: "A Flight Across America and Some Impressions of European and American Affairs."
2.10 p.m.—Close Down.
4-7 p.m.—A Chinese Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—Italian Music.
Vocal Quartet—
"Rigoletto" (Verdi)—Bella Figlia dell'Amore (Fairer daughter of the graces).... Galli-Curci (Soprano), Homer (Contralto), Galli (Tenor) and De Luca (Baritone).
Orchestral—
"Aida" (Verdi)—Grand March, Act 2.

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Dino Borgioli.
Baritone Solos—
"Rigoletto" (Verdi)—We are equal,
"Un Ballo in Maschera" (Verdi)—
And wouldn't thou thus have
sullied a soul so pure?
Giovanni Inghilleri.
Orchestral—
"Manon Lescant" (Puccini)—
Intermezzo... Milan Symphony
Orchestra.
Soprano Solo—
"Madam Butterfly" (Puccini)—
One fine day... Rosetta
Pampamini.
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35—"The Leek"—Selection (arr. Myddleton), played by The London Palladium Orchestra.
7.40—From the Studio.
A Light Recital by Maurice Dufour (Piano-Accordeon) and Miss Car-

mencita (Vocal).
Accordeon Solo—
La Chanson des Coobi (Cheng).
Vocal—Espania.
Accordeon Solo—Till we meet again.
Vocal—Poema.
Accordeon Solo—
Swan (a Chinese Air).
Vocal—Spanish Song.
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra, Conducted by Sir Dan Godfrey.
Bass-Baritone Solo—
The Shepherd Boy's Song (Pepper).
Orchestra—
Crocus Time—Serenade for Strings (De La Riviere).
Intermezzo—Pizzicato (Strings), (Montagne Birch).
Bass-Baritone Solo—
Young Briton's Heritage (Hennessy).
Orchestra—
Dancer of Seville (Grunow).
Bass-Baritone Solos—
The man in the street (Longstaffe).
Good green acres of Home

(Kahal and Fain).
8.25 p.m.—A Violin Recital by Fritz Kreisler.
A May Breeze (Mendelssohn, arr. Kreisler).
Londonderry Air (arr. Kreisler).
Serenade (Lehar).
Marguerite (Rachmaninoff, arr. Kreisler).
8.40 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Pianoforte Recital by Nura Kanis.
1. La plus que lente—Valse, Debussy.
2. The Little Shepherd... Debussy.
3. Reflets dans l'eau... Debussy.
8.55 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.
9.15 p.m.—London—Troise and His Mandoliers (Electrical Recording).
9.30 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Recital by Anne Winter (Soprano).
9.45 p.m.—The Regimental Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.
"The Sorcerer"—Selection (Sullivan).
"Trial by Jury"—Selection.
"The Mikado"—Selection.
10 p.m.—London—Big Ben "World Affairs." A talk by Sir Frederick Whyte, K.C.S.I., LL.D.
10.15 p.m.—"Bells" across the meadows (Ketelbey), played by Albert W. Ketelbey's Concert Orchestra.
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
11 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Clever Card Locating

An intimate knowledge of opponents' bidding tendencies is invaluable, not only as a guide in the bidding itself, but in the play that follows. It goes without saying that any player, expert or average, can make better decisions [whether to double for penalties or to on with his own suit] if he knows from experience just how much credence he may place in the opponents' bids.

But the average player too often fails to translate his opponents' bids into the terms of his own correct line of play. That the two bear a close relationship to each other is undeniable. The fault probably lies in the philosophy of the average declarer. Once the dummy is spread before him, the bidding [except the final contract] is deliberately put out of mind—on the vague theory, I suppose, that it has served its purpose and now must be effaced to allow full concentration on the play. Any one who subscribes to that theory would not find the key to the proper play in to-day's hand.

West, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
S—9 8 5 4
H—6
D—J 9 7 4 3
C—A 7 2

WEST
S—None
H—A Q J 10 7 5 3
D—A 6 5
C—Q 8 3

EAST
S—A 10 3
H—K 9 4
D—K 10 8 2
C—10 6 5

SOUTH
S—K Q J 7 6 2
H—8 2
D—Q
C—K J 9 4

The bidding:
West North East South
1 heart Pass 2 hearts 2 spades
4 hearts 4 spades Double Pass
Pass Pass

*East-West were not using the two-way three-bid.

East's four-spade double was not the best bid at his command. A pass, virtually forcing under the circumstances, would have been correct. West could have made five hearts by guessing the diamond distribution.

West opened the ace of hearts and, when he saw the dummy, was hard put to it for a second lead.

But two things convinced him that declarer had two hearts: the fact that East doubled four spades instead of passing the decision to him; and that East played the nine of hearts on the ace. So West continued with the heart queen. Dummy ruffed and led a low diamond; East ducked and declarer's queen went to West's ace. West returned a diamond; dummy played the nine, East the ten; and declarer ruffed. Now the spade king was laid down; West showed out; East took the ace and returned the three of spades. Dummy's eight took this trick and now another low diamond was led and ruffed by declarer, who then drew East's remaining trump.

At this stage, three tricks having been lost, the success of the contract pivoted on losing no club trick. Normally, of course, there is only one logical way to play the North-South club combination: a lead to the ace and a finesse back to the king-jack. But the declarer had been watching the fall of the cards with an eagle eye, and now proceeded to fill in the gaps from inference. West had led the heart ace. There could have been no reason on this hand for him to conceal an ace-king holding; therefore he didn't have the king [which his second play of the queen confirmed] and that card was in East's hand. East had actually shown the ace-ten of spades and the series of diamond plays clearly established that East had started with the king-ten of diamonds. That was all declarer had to know! Why, East couldn't have the club queen! If he had held it, he would have had 2½ honour tricks, plus at least two tens, and 4-3-3-3 distribution—he would certainly have responded to a heart bid with two no trump, rather than a mere single raise.

Once declarer had satisfied himself that West must hold the club queen and that a normal finesse could not succeed, there was only one alternative left him—a back-ward finesse. He therefore led the club jack. West covered; dummy's ace won, and then a club was returned and the nine spot finessed. Declarer was lucky to find the ten in East's hand, but it must be noted that if West had held it with the queen, nothing could be done about it. The sound reasoning that located the queen deserved a little luck!

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE QUEEN'S—"As You Like It", with Elizabeth Bergner, Laurence Olivier, Sophie Stewart and Henry Ainley. Shakespeare's immortal comedy faithfully reproduced on the screen. Delightful in every way, with Miss Bergner supreme. This is the screen's nearest to real Shakespeare.

AT THE KING'S—"The Longest Night", with Robert Young, Florence Rice, Ted Healy and Julie Haydon. Mystery, with an added element of romance and humour, provides the highlights of this picture, and incidents following one upon another in bewildering succession combine to build a great story.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Magnificent Brute", with Victor McLaglen, Binnie Barnes, Jean Dixon, William Hall, Ann Preston, Henry Armetta and Edward Norris. A battle of might against right in the love of two blondes for a strong man who had a weakness for beauty. Excellent McLaglen material.

AT THE STAR—"Eagle's Brood", with William Boyd, Jimmy Nelson, William Farnum, Joan Woodbury and Dorothy Revier. Portraying "Hopalong Cassidy," Mulford's famous Western character, Boyd impersonates one of the old West's fearless fighters.

AT THE CENTRAL—A Chinese Picture.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Cynara", with Ronald Colman, Kay Francis, Henry Stephenson and Viva Tattersall. Based on the refrain of Dowson's poem. The picture gives a new angle on the question of what faithfulness really is. Kay Francis rises brilliantly to the demands of the story, and Colman is his suave certain self.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Hooray for Love", with Gene Raymond and Ann Southern. A light comedy plot, augmented by outstanding musical numbers and featuring popular stars of the vaudeville and musical comedy stage.

COMING PICTURES

"Gold Diggers of 1937", with Dick Powell, Joan Blondell, Victor Moore, Glenda Farrell and Lee Dixon. Coming to the King's Theatre.

"Atlantic Adventure", with Nancy Carroll, Lloyd Nolan, and Harry Langdon. The exciting Columbia drama which concerns itself with a fast talking reporter's attempts to solve a half-million-dollar jewel robbery in mid-Atlantic. Logical and polished. Coming to the Alhambra Theatre.

"Three Smart Girls", with Binnie Barnes, Alice Brady, Ray Milland and Charles Winninger. The adventures of three lovely daughters of a rich New Yorker who smash their father's romance with a fortune-hunting blonde provide the amusing theme for this picture coming to the Alhambra.

"Tarzan Escapes", with Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'Sullivan. The latest primal adventure romance based on the Edgar Rice Burroughs characters. Coming to the King's.

"That Girl From Paris", with Lily Pons, Jack Oakie, and Gene Raymond. A lively part musical with plenty of good fun. Coming to the Queen's.

"Our Relations", with Laurel and Hardy. Both members of the famous screen comedy team have twin brothers in this exceedingly funny picture. Both play double roles, in fact, and create for themselves a host of amusing situations. Coming to the Majestic.



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GRAPHIC STORY OF FALL OF MALAGA

Heroic Defence Put Up Against Huge Odds

MANY LOYALIST LEADERS TRAPPED ON BOAT

Gibraltar, To-day.

A graphic description of the insurgents' entry into Malaga has been received from insurgent sources.

WHEN THE REBELS OPENED FIRE AT THE GATES OF THE TOWN, THE MILITAMEN RETREATED FIGHTING DESPERATELY, WHILE WOMEN CARRYING CHILDREN IN THEIR ARMS DASHED OUT TO GREET THE INCOMING TROOPS.

The women declared that they had had no food for several days.

The rebels allege that the whole of the defenders of the city were completely demoralised, many shooting themselves during the retreat.

Conflicting accounts are current regarding capture of the town but it is generally agreed that the rebel advance met with less opposition than was anticipated. The insurgents are reported to have captured considerable war material in the drive from Torre Molinos on Malaga.

Over 300 Civil Guards joined the insurgents from various parts outside Malaga.

Sympathisers Freed

The rebels are reported to have detained a steamer anchored in Malaga harbour in which 600 members of the Right Party and sympathisers had been imprisoned for several months.—Reuter.

An almeria message says:—"Following an order by the Government High Command, Malaga was evacuated by the Government troops who retired in good order to new positions, taking quantities of war materials with them."

It was announced in the afternoon that the insurgents were in full control of the town and that part of the rebel fleet was already in the harbour.

Rebels Jubilant

All insurgent radio stations, including headquarters at Salamanca, joyfully broadcast the news of the surrender of Malaga, which, it was stated, was completely occupied after only very slight resistance.

The announcement preceded the playing of the hymn of the Spanish Foreign Legion, and was followed by enthusiastic vivas for Spain, General Franco and General del Lano.

Supporters of the Spanish Right Wing in Gibraltar are overjoyed at the news.

New Line Of Defence

However, the Government troops who surrendered Malaga have al-

ready been reinforced and re-equipped with a view to meeting any further advance by the rebels.

According to a special correspondent of the Spanish Press Agency, the Government forces during the past few days fought with the greatest heroism against great odds, both as regards numbers and equipment.

He declares that 20,000 Italian troops, several thousand Germans and thousands of Moorish soldiers were used by the rebel command.

The correspondent alleges that over 100 Italian tanks were used in the final phase of the assault and that the attack was under the direction of the German naval staff on board the German battleship "Graf von Spee."

Not Serious Loss

Government military circles are of the opinion that Malaga is not a serious strategic loss as far as the general military situation is concerned. It is stated that for some months past the Government has not used the port as a naval base.

A dramatic incident occurred after the fall of the town when rebel warship were steaming into the harbour.

A vessel with a number of Government officials on board attempted to make its escape from the harbour but, running right into the middle of the rebel fleet, was forced to surrender.

The retreat of the besieged loyalist forces, according to bulletins issued by rebel headquarters, was made along the coastal road on Sunday while the rebel forces were about two miles away.

Cavalry On Heels

Patrols have been thrown out by the invading forces, who report that the road to Almeria is open, and cavalry detachments are following on the heels of the retreating Government troops.

With the capture of the town details are being revealed of fierce street fighting between the Government rear guard and the rebel troops.

Fighting went on from house to house for many hours before the



A scene in Malaga, after the intensive shelling to which the city was subjected last month prior to the development of the Del Lano land offensive.

Scout Jamboree At Washington

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt yesterday broadcast an invitation to 25,000 Boy Scouts from all parts of the world to a Jamboree at Washington.

The Jamboree, which will be held from June 30 to July 9, will celebrate the twenty-seventh anniversary of the foundation of the movement in the United States.—Reuter.

Spanish flag was finally hoisted over the town hall.

Hero of the fighting was General Collis, who in spite of many bad wounds, insisted on leading his troops into the thickest of the fighting.—Reuter and Trans-Ocean.

PREPARING DRIVE ON VALENCIA

London, To-day.

The fall of Malaga (fully reported in Page Six) marks the successful beginning of the campaign to capture Valencia, into which the insurgents are throwing every ounce of energy.

A message from Gibraltar states that it is learned that the rebels intend to advance on Almeria next week and claim that they have already partially blocked the Madrid-Valencia road and isolated the capital.

The inhabitants of the ninety-mile coastal region between Malaga and Almeria are reported to be fleeing into the interior following heavy bombardment by air and sea.

Main Street Wrecked
The insurgent warships which covered the attack on Malaga yesterday bombarded the aerodrome at Motril, while insurgent bombing planes raided Adra, further to the east.

The main street of the town is reported to have been wrecked, twenty being killed and thirty seriously wounded.—Reuter.

BRITISH LABOUR FIGURES

Big Improvement On Last Year

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Labour estimates that at January 25 the number of insured persons in employment in Great Britain, exclusive of agricultural workers, was approximately 11,106,000—26,000 less than the month before but 715,000 more than the year before.

At the same date the number of unemployed on the registers was 1,689,223, comprising 1,433,956 wholly unemployed, 183,668 temporarily laid off and 71,598 normally in casual employment. This was 60,504 more than at December 14 but 470,499 less than at January 20, 1936.

The increase compared with December was in fact due to registration of a large number of juveniles, who reached the school-leaving age at the end of the December term.—British Wireless.

THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR

No New Year Holiday For Canton Schools

Canton, To-day.

Mr. Hsu Sung-ching, Provincial Commissioner of Education, has announced that there will be no Chinese New Year holidays for schools in the province, and no permits will be granted to students or teachers who ask for leave of absence.—Our Own Correspondent.

FOUR HOUSES GUTTED

A fire broke out at the Yuen Loong Market last night when four one-storied houses were completely gutted. The houses were used as living quarters and for the storing of grass which was fired by a spark from a kitchen.

STALIN GOES ON WITH 'PURGE'

Over 2,000 Said Arrested In Last Few Days

Tramway Strike In Shanghai

Shanghai, To-day.
The tramway service in the International Settlement was completely disrupted this morning by a strike of the employees.
—Reuter.

AN EASTERN LOCARNO

NO OBJECTION BY BRITAIN

STATEMENT IN COMMONS

London, To-day.
"It is still the view of His Majesty's Government that the elimination of friction and suspicion between the various countries of Eastern Europe is one of the cardinal factors in the field of European progress."

This statement was made in the House of Commons to-day by Lord Cranborne in answer to a questioner who sought to elicit the attitude of the Government to the so-called Eastern Pact between Poland, Russia, Germany, Czechoslovakia, the Baltic States and Finland, which was discussed in the Summer of 1935.

Lord Cranborne reminded the House that the repudiation of the Treaty of Locarno by Germany in the following year had modified the situation.

The efforts of His Majesty's Government had, since then, been directed in the first instance to restoring the position in Western Europe, but as indicated in the communique of July 23 last, it was expected that progress in the negotiations for a new Western Agreement would lead to the widening of the area of the discussions so as to include the solution of other European problems.

FRANCE AND RUSSIA

Replying to another question, Lord Cranborne said that no commitments existed whereby under the Franco-Russian Pact, Great Britain would be involved in a European war.

He added that he thought the French and Russian Governments were fully aware of our position in this respect.—British Wireless.

NON-INTERVENTION COMMITTEE

London, To-day.
No further obstacles appear to be in the way for putting into effect the control plan of the non-intervention committee, and February 22 is already being mentioned as the date when control of the Spanish civil war will commence.

The sub-committee of the non-intervention committee will meet on Wednesday this week.—Trans-Ocean.

RUMOURS OF MAN OF STEEL'S ILLNESS

Over 2,000 men and women, including many foreign Communists, have been arrested during the past week by G.P.U. agents, says the London "Daily Express."

This is apparently the direct result of Stalin's wish to remove all opposition as long as he is still alive and in power.

The conflict between the Soviet Dictator and Marshal Voroshilov, Commissar for War, has now receded somewhat into the background, and has been replaced by recurrence of rumours regarding the state of the Dictator's health.

The "Daily Express" correspondent in Warsaw alleges that Stalin's health is in a precarious condition and that he has summoned a meeting of the Congress of the Soviets to appoint his successor.

CONFIRMATION IN MOSCOW
Confirmation of the "purge" ordered by Stalin is provided by the semi-official Soviet newspaper "Pravda."

The paper admits that the chiefs of local Communist organisation in Kieff, Propetovsk and Rostoff have been dismissed from their posts for "gravely neglecting their duties."

The neglect apparently consisted of their failure to discover the Trotskyist plots which had been hatching in the territory under their control.

The paper also states that the chief of the Ukrainian Communist Party, M. Lioff, who was supposed to enjoy Stalin's especial confidence, has also been deprived of his post.

VOROSHILOV TENSION
Other Party organisations in several other Ukrainian districts are also undergoing complete reorganisation, according to the "Pravda."

The main topic of discussion in diplomatic and journalistic circles, however, is still the conflict between Stalin and Marshal Voroshilov.

ABUSE OF PRESS FREEDOM

M. Blum's Homily On Dangers

Paris, To-day.
A strong warning against abusing the privileges of freedom of the press was delivered yesterday by the President, M. Albert Lebrun.

M. Lebrun was addressing the annual Convention of French Republican Journalists in Paris.

Such freedom, he said, could become very dangerous when it deteriorated into provocations, which must necessarily happen when people were inflamed by passion and hatred.

The President reminded his audience of the regrettable consequences of the thoughtless publication of various documents, especially in view of harmony among nations which was to be pursued more than ever for the sake of peace.—Trans-Ocean.

It is regarded as possible that the rift may be healed during the extraordinary session of the Central Executive Committee of the Soviet, which is scheduled to meet in Moscow on February 16.

VORONKIN'S ARREST
There is no doubt that the arrest of the G. P. U. Commissar and former commander of the Baltic Fleet, M. Voronkin, has caused general consternation among the general population, although there is naturally a general reticence to the airing of opinions.

The charge against M. Voronkin is that he had prepared a plan for the escape of the chief accused in the recent mass trial, M. Piatakoff.

Piatakoff, so it is asserted, was so confident of the success of the alleged plan that he suffered a collapse when he was led from his cell to the execution.—Trans-Ocean.

1,200 PRISONERS TAKEN

TRIUMPHAL REBEL ENTRY

Salamanca, To-day.
Scenes of enthusiasm attended the entry into Malaga of the main body of the insurgent troops.

When the rebel banner was hoisted over the town hall, insurgent flags made their appearance all over the city and, in spite of heavy rain, inhabitants staged a parade.

High ranking rebel officers appeared later at a meeting in the main square, where speeches of welcome were made.

Insurgent headquarters point out that with the capture of Malaga their front has been greatly shortened and the coastal road to Almeria thrown open.

Twelve hundred prisoners were taken during the last stages of the advance on the city, where Government militia tried to set fire to several blocks of houses.

Meanwhile the situation in Santander, which is still in the possession of the Government, is extremely critical.

All communications with Bilbao have been cut off and the inhabitants are suffering from a serious shortage of provisions.—Trans-Ocean.

Ng Sung, aged 33, and an unknown Chinese were removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of lysol poison taken at the Wing Yu tea-house, Possession Street.

Apology For Royal Oak Incident

London, To-day.
The Valencia Government has apologised to the British Government over the bombing of the battleship "Royal Oak" off Europa Point.

The Government declare that they "very much deplore the bombing."—Reuter.

BRITAIN AND SPAIN

RECOGNITION OF VALENCIA TO CONTINUE

London, To-day.
Asked in the House of Commons whether the Government were prepared to reconsider recognition of the "present regime of the Left in Spain," since latest information went to prove it represented not only a minority but was directed by Moscow for many years, Lord Cranborne, replying in the absence of the Foreign Secretary, said that the information of His Majesty's Government was that the present Spanish Government contained representatives of all parties except for one or two small groups comprising the Popular Front, which was successful at the last Spanish election.

They were not prepared to reconsider recognition.—British Wireless.

MULTI-COLOURED TRAINS

Australia Tries New Scheme

The Commissioners of the Victorian (Australia) railways have decided that their trains, in the past, have been drab, so they have decided to brighten them.

They are starting with special colour schemes for special routes. The boat train from Melbourne to Port Melbourne is now sky-blue. Other suburban routes are being dignified by a rose and moonstone train and still others by light red coaches with a grey stripe. Petrol electric trains on certain short routes are distinguished by diagonal silver stripes on the front, while the "Overland" Express to Adelaide is gold, green and black. Other colour combinations are in the experimental stage.

One special train, the Better Farming Train, which is really an agricultural college on wheels, for the benefit of outback farmers, and which has run for many years with considerable success, has always been painted bright yellow.

RADIO RECEIVERS

Berlin, To-day.
There are 3,381,139 registered owners of receiving sets in Germany, according to an announcement by the German Broadcasting Company. The last available figures for England show a total of 7,996,896 registered owners.—Trans-Ocean.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" leaves Shanghai to-night at 8 p.m., is due at Hong Kong on Thursday at 7 p.m. and leaves Hong Kong for Manila on Friday at 4 p.m.

'ENEMY' WARSHIPS STAGE RAID ON COLONY: GAS ATTACKS

Unadvertised Manoeuvres Test Western Defences

VOLUNTEERS MAN GUNS AT BELCHERS

LAND, sea and air forces co-operated in a realistically staged mimic battle in Hong Kong waters during the week-end.

"Enemy" cruisers and submarines attempted to run the gauntlet of the batteries on the western side of the Colony, but were greeted with deadly accurate fire — live ammunition being used — and were compelled to abandon the attempt.

In the course of the engagement which lasted throughout Saturday and Sunday, every device was exploited in an attempt to pierce the defence lines and master the defenders, but the attackers failed despite air raids and gas attacks.

The "enemy warships" which were primarily concerned in the attack consisted of moving targets for the guns of Belchers Fort and many direct hits were registered.

The H.K.V.D.C. Battery co-operated with the Royal Artillery in manning the guns.

Volunteers Man Guns

Volunteer troops engaged comprised the Coastal Defence Unit of the Corps and they were given a real test during the week end when fully entrusted with the defence of the Western end of the island.

The unit, comprising the "A" and "L" Sections of the Corps First Battery, and the Engineers were kept on move continually from early Saturday afternoon till late Sunday evening. The Engineers had been "on active service" since the previous day.

Sentries were posted all round Belchers fort and were changed round regularly to give all a chance at different phases of the defence system. The Engineers were in charge of great searchlights and of the Power house.

"Enemy" Ships Sighted

Operations started on Saturday night when "enemy" submarines and cruisers" were sighted at

tempting to enter the harbour stealthily through the Western entrance, but they were repulsed under heavy fire, the defenders sustaining but minor casualties.

An attempt to silence the forts was carried out during the night by landed forces who tried to gain entry with scaling ladders but were wiped out.

Another party attacked the powerhouse but met with no success being driven off.

Gas Attack

On Sunday, the Guns were kept busy with their attention engaged frequently by enemy craft and they were later subjected to an air raid by a number of aeroplanes, who were greeted with Lewis gunfire.

Gas attacks followed, the gas being released by the enemy planes but although hampered in their work by the gas the fort still remained intact at the end of the day.

Throughout the operations, discipline was good.

Truce was called late on Sunday evening and the defenders dismissed.

The sole object of the manoeuvres was to test the strength of the defence system on the Western side of the island and the results are stated to have been gratifying.

OXFORD APPEAL FOR FUNDS

Half A Million Still Needed

London, To-day.

Oxford University, which only two months ago received £2,000,000 from Lord Nuffield, has published an urgent appeal to the public for further funds.

The buildings at present at the University's disposal, the appeal points out, are utterly insufficient to meet the requirements of modern science, and at least £500,000 is needed for two most urgent extensions.

The Chancellor of the University, Lord Halifax, is said to have declared that Oxford would lose its reputation of one of the world's leading universities if the present financial difficulties were not overcome at an early date.—Trans-Ocean.

ANZAC SOCIETY

Supper Dance To Be Held In April

At its last meeting the Committee of the Australian and New Zealand Association decided to hold its annual ball in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, April 2. The evening will be in the form of a supper dance and several novelties with a distinct Australian flavour will be introduced.

Tickets at \$3 each can be obtained from members of the Committee.

It was also decided to hold a social evening in the Association Rooms, Gloucester Building, second floor, on Thursday, February 25.

JAPANESE VISIT CANCELLED

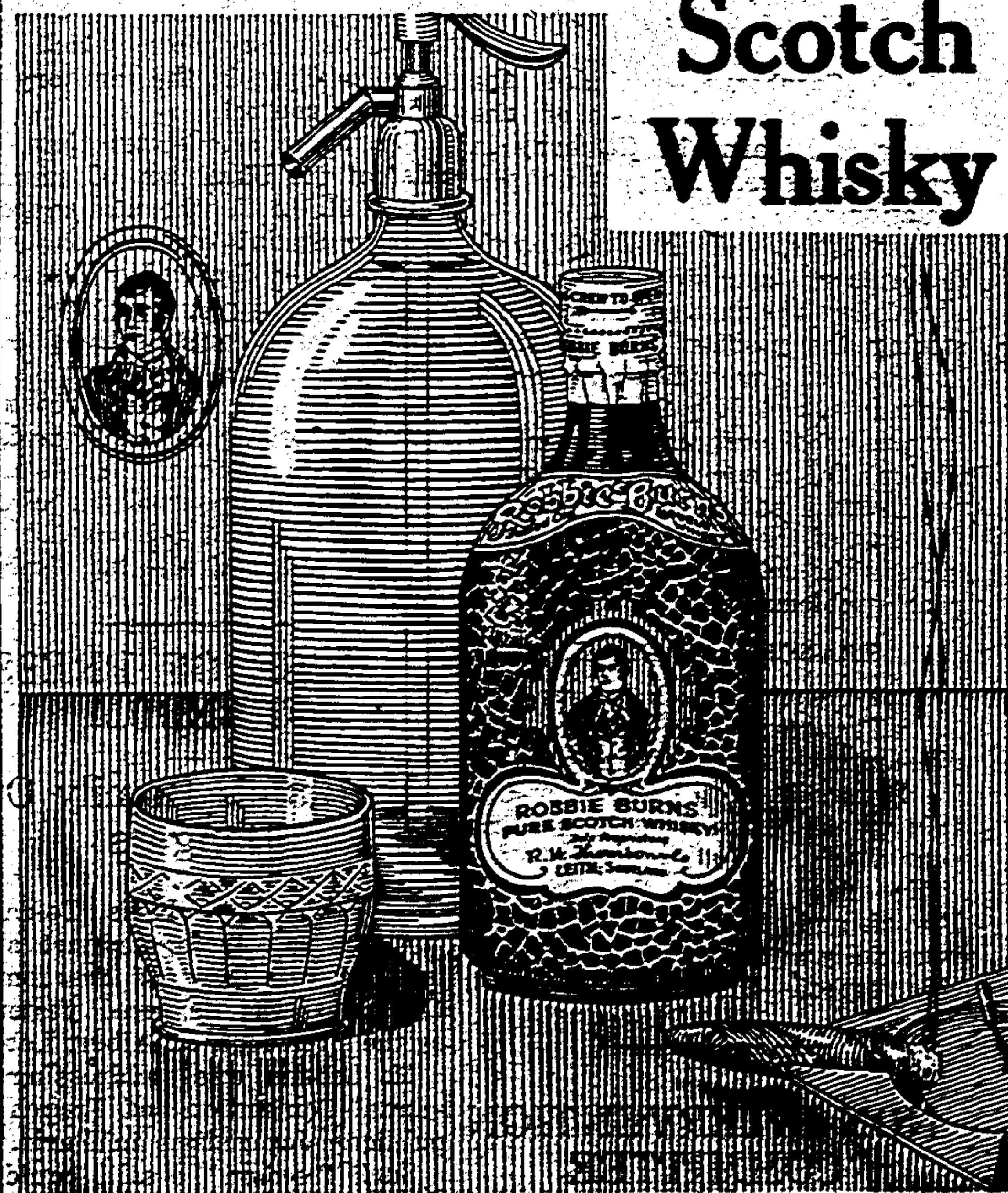
London, To-day.

The Japanese Embassy has announced that the proposed visit of a troupe of Japanese actors to England has been cancelled.

The actors had been expected to arrive in London in July.—Reuter.

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CHINESE LAW ON INSURANCE

QUESTIONS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING ANY CHANGE IN THE CHINESE INSURANCE LAW, SAID VISCOUNT CRANBORNE, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

The Government's attention had been drawn to a report that the Chinese Government intended to compel all insurance policies to be in the Chinese language.

Mr. A. C. Moreing (Preston, Conservative) requested that the Ambassador be instructed to draw the attention of the Chinese Government to the matter, owing to the hindrance it would cause to business.

A similar question was put by Captain Peter Macdonald (Isle of Wight, Conservative), drawing the reply from Viscount Cranborne that he was requesting the Ambassador to submit a report.—Reuter.

NEW BRITISH CABINET TO DECIDE ON GERMAN COLONY CLAIMS



MR. L. M. S. AMERY

THIS C3 NATION BUSINESS

Lord Aberdare To Be Chairman

London, To-day.

Lord Aberdare is to be Chairman of the national advisory council of thirty members to promote the Government's scheme of physical training.

The duties of the council will be partly scientific and partly advisory to local committees.

Lord Aberdare, who is perhaps better known under the name, the Hon. C. N. Bruce, is one of the best known sportsmen in England. He captained Middlesex at cricket for many years and was at one time one of the best rackets players in the country.—Reuter.

THAMES A MILE WIDE AT WINDSOR

London, To-day.

The Thames is still rising and fears are entertained regarding the strength of the flood bank at Old Windsor which was built by voluntary subscription hundred years ago.

Should the bank give way the whole of the old town would be flooded.

At Windsor itself, where the riverside promenade is covered with nearly four feet of water and the river is a mile wide, the authorities are taking precautions and walls of sandbags have been erected at danger points.

Elsewhere in the upper reaches, increased flooding has mainly affected open country.—British Wireless.

FLOOD RELIEF

Necessary Bill Pass Congress

Washington, To-day.

Congress to-day passed the \$950,000,000 Relief Bill and the Efficiency Appropriation Bill, which will provide funds for flood relief.—Reuter.

SUEZ CANAL TONNAGE

Paris, To-day.

The statement of the Suez Canal Company for December shows that 2,835,000 tons passed through the Canal, an increase of 139,000 tons or 5.2 per cent. over the corresponding period in 1935.—Trans-Ocean.

London, To-day.
The colonial question is to be raised by Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Ambassador, in conversations with Lord Halifax on Wednesday and Thursday.

THERE IS A GENERAL TENDENCY IN LONDON TO STRESS THE FACT THAT OPINION IN ENGLAND REMAINS VERY DIVIDED ON THE MATTER OF RETURN OF HER FORMER COLONIES TO THE REICH.

A number of politicians maintain that a great power like Germany should not be left without colonial possessions.

On the other hand, Conservative opposition extends even to those sections that favour closer Anglo-German relations, while a certain section of the Labour Party is against any action likely to increase Germany's economic strength.

Apart from this the colonial question is in itself one of the most

complicated international problems of recent years, particularly in view of the fact that Great Britain has received mandates from countries with whom she was allied during the Great War.

These mandates would have to be returned to the League of Nations, which would then have to decide who should get them. As Germany is not a member of the League, she would be excluded from any discussions on the subject.

AMERY GROUP SAYS "NO!"

London, To-day.

There can be no transference of territories held under the British flag.

This was the resolution adopted to-day by the Parliamentary Committee of the Empire Industries Association in connection with Herr Hitler's recent reference to the former German colonies.

The committee expressed itself as convinced that the German claim for transfer back of her old colonies would imperil the safety and impair the homogeneity of the British Empire, especially in Africa, and would provide no substantial relief for Germany as regards raw materials and the settlement of her people.

The committee, however, is ready to consider proposals to meet the difficulties of Germany and other States in securing raw materials and foodstuffs.

The motion was moved by Lieut.-Col. L. S. Amery.—Reuter.

OBSERVER'S COMMENT

London, To-day.

Declaring that depriving Germany of her colonies was motivated by the same impractical reasoning that led to the imposing of Reparations of £1,000,000,000 on a nation of 70,000,000 people, the "Observer" in a leading article declares that the time is approaching when no other recourse than adjustment of this question remains open.

"Germany," declares the paper, "finds herself in a special category, the Treaties of Versailles and Trianon having attempted to place her in a position demanded from no other European Power, namely, that although England, France, Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands were entitled to colonies, Germany for moralist reasons was not allowed this right."

CLEAR REASONING
Commenting on the oft-mention-

New Princess' Names

The infant daughter of the Duke of Kent was registered to-day as Alexandra Helen Elizabeth Olga Christabée.

The christening, at which the Archbishop of Canterbury will officiate, takes place to-morrow in the private Chapel at Buckingham Palace. The King and Queen Mary will be present.—British Wireless.

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Exploratory Only

London, To-day.

That completion of the armaments programme will be the chief concern of the British Government until after the Coronation and the installation of the new Cabinet, all activities of an internal political nature naturally being postponed, is the consensus of opinion in the British press.

For this reason, the newspapers do not expect the meeting between the German Ambassador, Herr von Ribbentrop and Lord Halifax, to lead to any immediate action.

There is small probability that definite proposals either from Britain or Germany will be mentioned in the talks.

The "Daily Telegraph" states the opinion that the meeting will be principally for the purpose of "taking an inventory."

New Cabinet Point

As further grounds for the belief that nothing will eventuate from the talks, the paper declares that the Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, does not desire to take a new initiative in matters which will remain for his successor to solve, nor can Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the probable next Premier, decide on the policy of his new Cabinet.

The "News Chronicle" believes that the conference between Herr von Ribbentrop and Lord Halifax will not lead to any surprising development in Germany's campaign for colonies.—Trans-Ocean.

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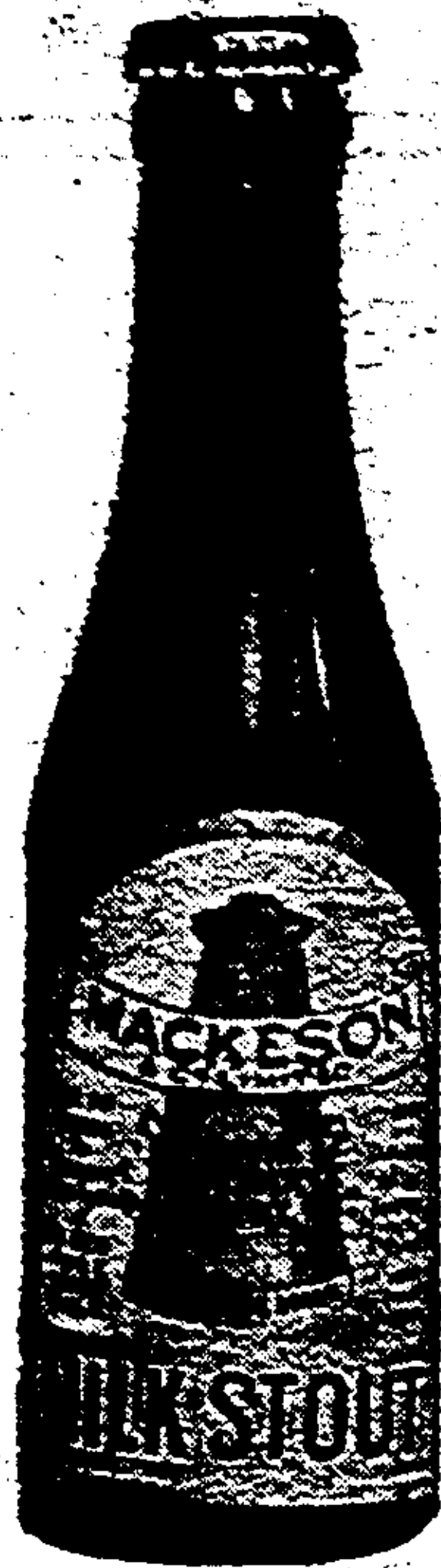
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BRITAIN ARMING TO PROSPERITY

Britain to-day is enjoying industrial prosperity unequalled in his history, despite the persistence of a large volume of unemployment. More people are employed than ever before, iron and steel output is the greatest ever, and the same story continues right on practically through the entire sphere of private enterprise.

What is less satisfactory is the abundant evidence of the artificiality of the boom, stressed by Mr. Neville Chamberlain last week when he urged manufacturers to strive harder for foreign markets and not to rest content because the armaments impetus had boosted orders.

The influence of the rearmament programme is already broadening. The demands for labour will steadily grow; the rise in wages, which despite the rapid rise reported has so far barely caught up with the reductions of the depression, is almost certain to continue, and labour's case will be strengthened by rising prices. We may begin to see the "vicious spiral" of the war and post-war years at work. This phase of the boom, however, lies in the future. Most of the end-of-the-year messages in which industrialists are becoming so prolific are couched in terms of almost unqualified hope and assurance. Fears of international catastrophe were never greater; yet the individual business man, "touching wood" and postulating peace as the only safe working rule, is distinctly optimistic and can afford to be.

The income of the United States for 1936, the Secretary for Commerce has announced, was for the first time since 1929 equal to expenditure; American purchasing power is rising rapidly and exercising an enormous influence throughout the world generally.

In Britain, according to interesting calculations by Mr. Colin Clark in the new "Marketing Survey of the United Kingdom" the expenditure of the well-to-do has increased in the last four years from £1,300,000,000 to £1,600,000,000 and of the working classes from £2,200,000,000 to £2,600,000,000. The national income is well above the previous high record of 1929, the

peak from which Britain dropped into the whirlpool.

The revival which is thus reflected is accepted as having been due in large part to the building boom. That is now assuming a new form with the falling off in the rate of increase in house-building and the acceleration of industrial building, of which the new munition factories are a type. As an article in the "Marketing Survey" brings out, the disparities in the building activity of the last three years throw light on the inequalities of British recovery. Last year Outer London, the South-eastern Counties, and the West Midlands, with less than 40 per cent. of the population of Great Britain, shared 56 per cent. of the new domestic building and 66 per cent. of new industrial and commercial building. Lancashire and Cheshire, Yorkshire and Scotland, with nearly 44 per cent. of the population, shared only 30 per cent. of the house-building and 22 per cent. of the industrial and commercial building. In the depressed areas, building was not in a state of "boom" at all. This inequality is only an aspect of the economic trend towards the South, and it may be wondered whether when house-building by private enterprise does fall off more seriously the labour surplus created will be fully taken up on the spot by the increase in industrial building and by the demand for labour in other industries. The movement of migration may set again towards the industries of the North, which the armament demand is stimulating.

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Indestructible Legends

A member of the British Government who happens also to be a Scot has been trying to slay the Goliath of a legend that he spends his spare time playing the bagpipes.

Apparently he has not even handled those instruments of patriotic torture. Being a wise man, he saves his breath for more useful purposes.

Still, there the legend is, and if he thinks he has now killed it, he must be an unusually credulous person. It will pursue him to the end of his life, and in his obituary notices (which it is to be hoped will not appear for another fifty years at least) it will have a prominent place.

It is just such a fiction as this that the writers of obituaries like to get hold of to provide a little light relief to a rather gloomy occasion.

WORRIED M.P.'S

A group of M.P.s have been getting rather perturbed about the Household Cavalry. They think they should at least be better paid than the ordinary soldier because their expenses are higher.

Besides, it isn't every soldier in the British Army who has to sit on horse-back in Whitehall and listen to the curious observations of spectators, is it?

So the M.P.s have told Mr. Duff Cooper, the War Minister, that the Household Cavalry, numbering 419, including officers, ought to be paid more for all their trouble.

Mr. Duff Cooper is "considering the representations made to him."

Gruesome And Humorous Propaganda

By
Charles S. Myers

Handy In
The House

The problem which we are about to discuss is one of undoubted importance. We are to consider whether and, if so, how far accidents — alike on the roads, in industry and elsewhere — can be reduced by exhibiting posters or objects, or by distributing information by other methods, which are deliberately designed so as to arouse fear, on the one hand, or amusement, on the other hand, in the minds of those who are exposed to the risks of incurring accidents.

FEAR and amusement are generally so completely opposed to one another that the value of gruesome propaganda and the value of humorous propaganda demand separate consideration.

Current Examples Of Gruesome Propaganda

Let us consider some of the gruesome material which is at present employed or advocated in accident propaganda. Certain industries abroad have exhibited posters on which a blood-dripping hand is displayed with two fingers of it missing, just amputated by a circular saw, or which depict the agonized expression of a woman worker whose hand has just been pierced by a drill or of a man who is about to be crushed beneath a falling girder, or a corpse with the underlying slogan, "loose working clothes mean death shrouds."

"What is needed" for the prevention of road accidents, urges Mr. J. C. Furnas, an American writer, "is a vivid and sustained realisation that every time you step on the throttle, death gets in beside you, hopefully waiting for his chance." And according to an English journalist, "the pedestrian must be taught that the moment his foot leaves the pavement for the road the sudden danger of death or accident immediately presents itself."

If fear has, as I have suggested, some restraining value for the small minority, the cruel and callous, it is certainly very harmful, at the opposite extreme, for the far larger number of the timid, anxious and 'nervous' members of our community. The mere fear of the consequences of dangerous behaviour may irresistibly impel these people to such behaviour. There are many industrial workers who are more or less subconsciously afraid of the machines at which they daily work. This is likewise the case in certain car drivers. In them (and also in others) gruesome propaganda will only increase (or arouse) fear in a situation of danger and will thus only increase the risk of accidents. I know of a motorist who saw once a poster depicting a horrible accident on a piece of road well known to her. She assures me that the result has been that when she passes this spot she always drives badly and dangerously, through the sheer panic of impending disaster.

Safety Conference Goes Further

But a Conference on Safety, held especially in regard to accidents, in New Jersey in September last, be regarded as "out of place," be would go still further than this cause danger appears to be treated. It reports: "The exhibition of two with undue levity or with coarse wrecked cars in front of the State

Memorial Building had a salutary and lasting effect (no evidence, however, is adduced in support of this assertion) on the minds of all who viewed these cars and read the appropriate signs displayed above them." The General Committee of this Conference suggests that wherever possible it would be desirable for the motor vehicle department, after fatal accidents of this type, to exhibit wrecked cars with proper descriptive signs at important highway intersections throughout the State, as a moral lesson to other motorists of the death and destruction that can and will result from continued reckless driving and carelessness.

The same Committee recommends also that the motor vehicle department be given power to secure from the State Police and from all local police departments throughout New Jersey photographs of all fatal car accidents occurring in the State, and that these photographs be so taken as to be as gruesome as possible, showing the dead bodies of accident victims lying on blood-stained highways. Indeed arrangements are to be made to send to all newspapers in New Jersey matrix reproductions of these photographs, with the request that the newspapers publish these horrible pictures prominently so that thousands of thoughtless drivers may witness the terrible destruction and suffering which follows in the wake of reckless driving.

It is the psychologist's prime function to study individual and national mental differences. And he will be the first to admit that what appear horrible to one person or nation may excite merely curiosity and wonder in another. But surely we shall all concede that such propaganda as the preceding will never be generally successful, nor widely employed, at all events, in Great Britain.

Amusement And Instruction

Interest and instruction in the consequences of misconduct as well as in right conduct are possible through posters or by other methods of propaganda, without evoking extreme fear or horror. And although sufficient interest may be aroused pictorially in other ways, the use of a humorous situation is certainly admissible. But the humorous must be in good taste; and there is nothing which is either individually or nationally so variable as taste. If humorous propaganda, be advanced for such avoidance of accidents, The cultivation of interest, worth-while and a sense of duty are essential in all learning, but to be effective they cannot solely rest on amusement.

even with repugnance, supplants amusement.

It is noteworthy that repugnance, when it is blended with fear, instead of, as here, with annoyance (i.e. mild anger) is nothing but the horror which we have already in some detail been considering. Fear and amusement have yet another likeness in regard to accident prevention. They are each liable to produce a certain contempt for danger; fear producing contempt as a defence-mechanism that serves to mask anxiety in a fearful situation, humour, on the other hand, producing contempt because of the feeling of superiority which its appreciation generally evokes and because of the escape from reality which it entails.

Current Examples Of Humorous Propaganda

Two examples of appropriately humorous posters will serve to illustrate their high value. A picture of a piccolo player bears the legend: "Even if you aren't a piccolo player, you need all your fingers." Another poster depicts a worker who, though sheer good fortune, has escaped from being crushed by a falling massive iron frame. "We are not all born lucky," is printed beneath. Yet another example, concerning the forced landings of aeroplanes in country meadows, may be quoted: "Try and imagine that the cows which gallop so entertainingly down below are your cows. Until you have looked into the matter you simply can't imagine what goes on inside a galloping row. Anyway, it turns the furrier sour and pilots who have cause to seek his aid afterwards may find him lacking in the milk of human kindness."

A certain amount of amusement is well recognised as an aid to interest in school instruction. But nowadays there is too often a tendency to exaggerate the need for levity when information is imparted, especially in the more popular newspapers. The modern journalist seems—in my view quite wrongly—to think that a serious article must be made amusing by the introduction of often ridiculous captions and of often irrelevant thumb-nail sketches, and that without such supposed attractions the article will never be read by the masses. So, too, in propaganda for accident prevention, although amusement has a certain value it must not be overdone.

Conclusion

Neither amusement nor fear can be regarded as sufficient for accident prevention. Each must be used in moderation. The most that these feelings can do alone is to instil a memory of a dangerous situation and of its effects. Alone they do not pretend to detail the rules of conduct which require to be observed for the avoidance of accidents. Nor alone can they always indicate the best reasons which can be advanced for such avoidance. The cultivation of interest, worth-while and a sense of duty are essential in all learning, but to be effective they cannot solely rest on amusement.

"A Girl in choosing a husband will be wise to prefer a man who is handy about the house. Not only does such a man save money, time and bother; he also takes a greater interest in his home and is bound to be more domesticated."

Such is the advice just broadcast to High School girls by an American lady lecturer.

Alas! I myself belong to the breed of men that are unhandy about the house.

If I am asked, of course, to raise the baby grand half a foot off the carpet or to unscrew a lid that resists persuasion, I can earn mild applause. But where fine work is concerned—well, I'm just a nobody.

At times, when visiting other homes, I hear the lady of the house remark, "Yes. It was just a short circuit and George fixed it up," or "The tap only needed a washer, so Edgar put one on," and I sigh with envy of the men that can do those things in their stride.

HE HASN'T THE KNACK

Mind you, it's not, as some libelously insist, that the unhandy man is necessarily lazy. He is no more lazy than the fellow that can mend his own radio or barber the Peke. It is simply that he hasn't the knack of handling tools, which is a natural gift.

You don't blame a man because he can't sing the alto part of "Larboard Watch" or dance the tango. But the wife of the handy man rarely shows the same kindly tolerance.

"You don't mean to say you had to call in a workman for that? Why, Stephen is never so happy as when he has some little job to do about the house."

And the result is that the wife of the unhandy man gets unsettled and asks herself was she wise to link her destiny to an oaf that doesn't know a screwdriver from a gimlet.

Yet a friend of mine, a woman of charm, poise and great perspicuity, to whom yesterday I spoke morosely of these matters, laughed at my opinions.

"You're on the wrong foot," she told me, "if you think that all married women long to have a handy man as a husband. I myself, for example, look on him as a pest and a menace."

"What?" I gasped. "A man that can, on demand, put a washer on a tap?"

"I don't care," said she, "if he can put a washer on a Cunarder. Washers don't keep jumping off taps every other day, and there's always a plumber round the corner.

As for the husbands that 'fancy themselves as interior decorators—I've never seen one yet that didn't in other matters as well the amateur mechanic is usually a bungler."

"Another thing, the handy man has generally a craze to interfere in the running of the house. He wants to have a big say in the colour scheme, in the arrangement of the furniture, in the choice of wallpaper and fittings, and so on. He butts in where he's not wanted and becomes a nuisance."

Next to cold fish, there's nothing more unexciting.

A. P. G.



Spanish events have had their effects on styles. This picture shows a formal frock of graceful lace that comes high round the neck and ties with a large bow. Moire satin at the waist breaks the monotony of straight lace.



Mrs. Wallis Simpson caught on the Riviera going in for a dip.

NORTH CHINA SMUGG

BRITAIN URGED TO TAKE REMEDIAL STEPS

London, To-day.

The question of the revival of the smuggling menace in North China was raised in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. A. C. Moreing (Preston, Conservative).

AFTER TIGERS — WHALES

But These Are More Authentic

Two big whales are reported to have been observed in Hong Kong waters by passengers and crew of the Kinshan on Sunday when the ship was returning from Macao. The ship passed within 100 feet of them.

"Both the Chief Officer and myself had a good view of them," declared Capt. T. Pritchard, master of the vessel, yesterday. "We passed them at 6.5 p.m. off Chung Chau Si Island.

"It is unusual to see whales in these waters, although I sighted one in about the same locality this time last year. It was very much larger than those we saw yesterday and I think it was having difficulty in getting away into deep water."

Capt. Pritchard added that he and the Chief Officer distinctly saw the whole length of the two whales and there was no doubt about them. He considered it possible that they were the progeny of the whale he had seen last year.

Mr. Moreing asked the Foreign Secretary whether he had drawn the attention of the Japanese Government to a statement by Sir Frederick Maze, Inspector-General of the Chinese Customs, that accumulated stocks of smuggled goods in Tientsin were gradually finding their way into the interior, mostly in lorries, escorted by armed Japanese and Korean roughs.

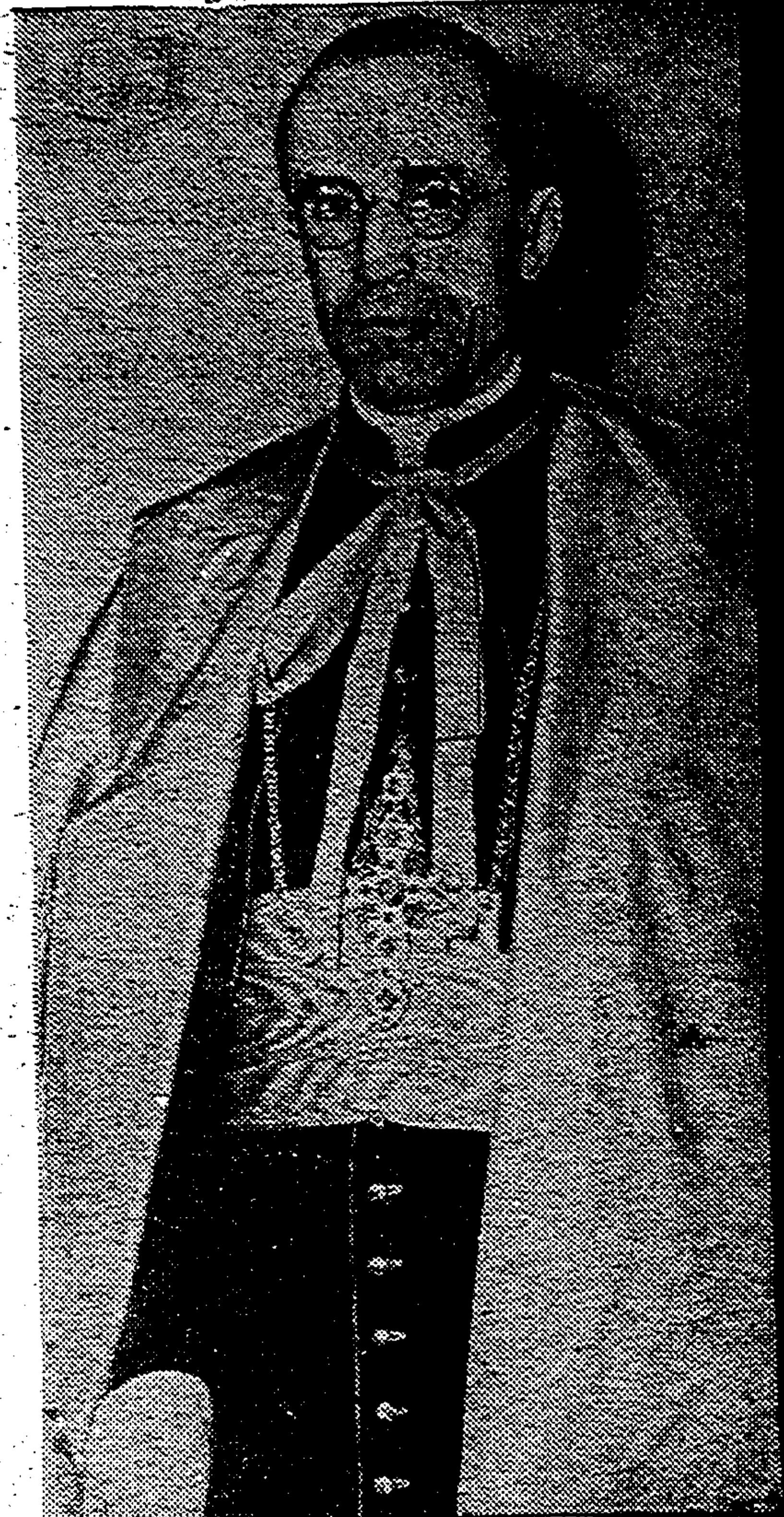
He suggested that the Japanese Government be invited to end a state of affairs which was calculated seriously to impair the Chinese Customs.

GOVERNMENT REPLY

Viscount Cranborne, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that though he had seen press reports on the subject he was unable to give an authoritative estimate of the actual loss to the Chinese Customs from smuggling.

The British Ambassador had on various occasions made representations to the Japanese Government on the smuggling question and had repeated these representations recently, when the illicit traffic was reported to have increased after showing some falling off.

He trusted the situation would improve and meanwhile the Government was watching the matter closely.—Reuter.



The most recent picture of Cardinal Pacelli, Secretary of State of the Vatican. When, recently, doubts were expressed as to the succession of His Holiness the Pope, the name of Cardinal Pacelli was mentioned as his likely successor.



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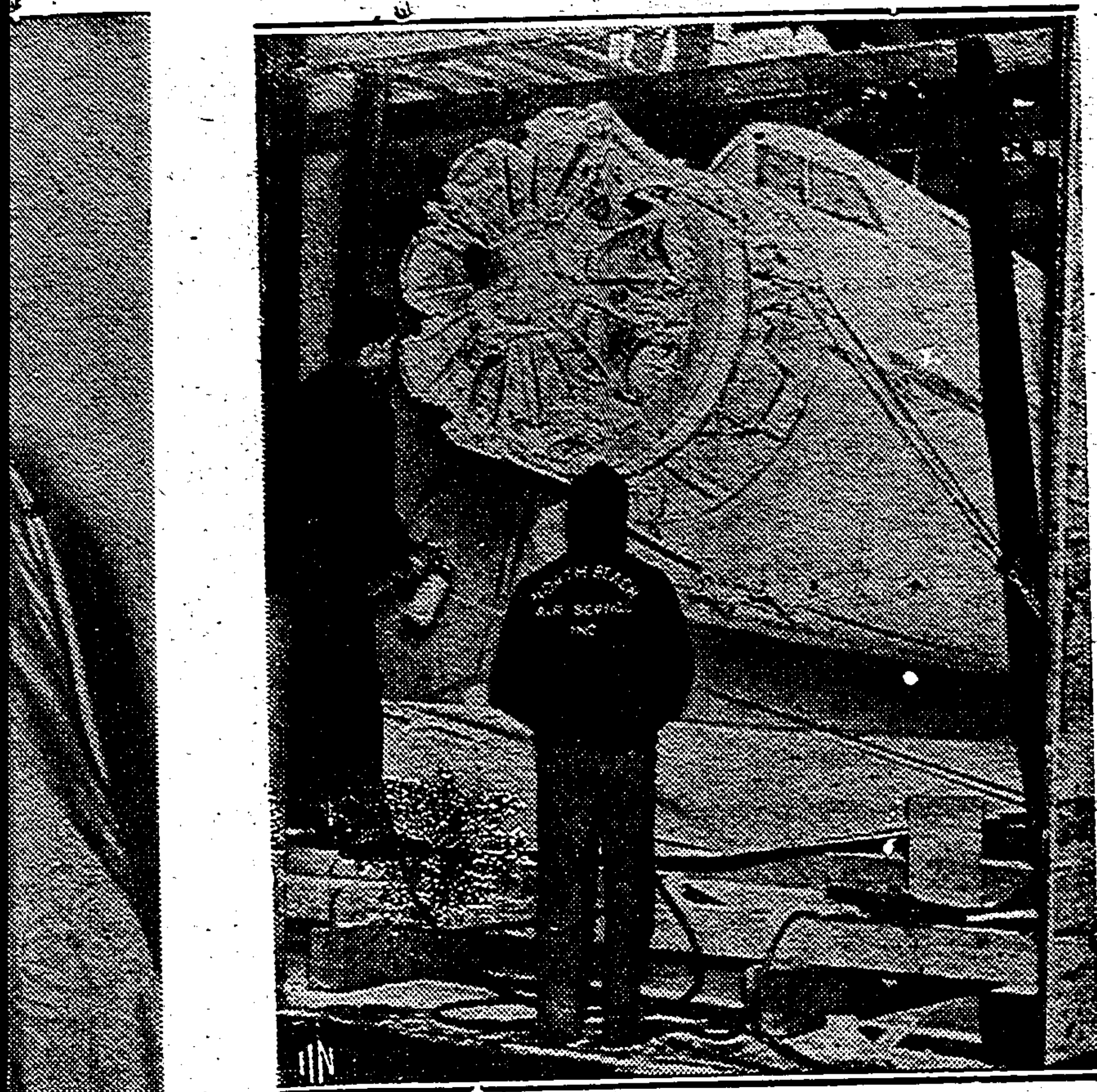
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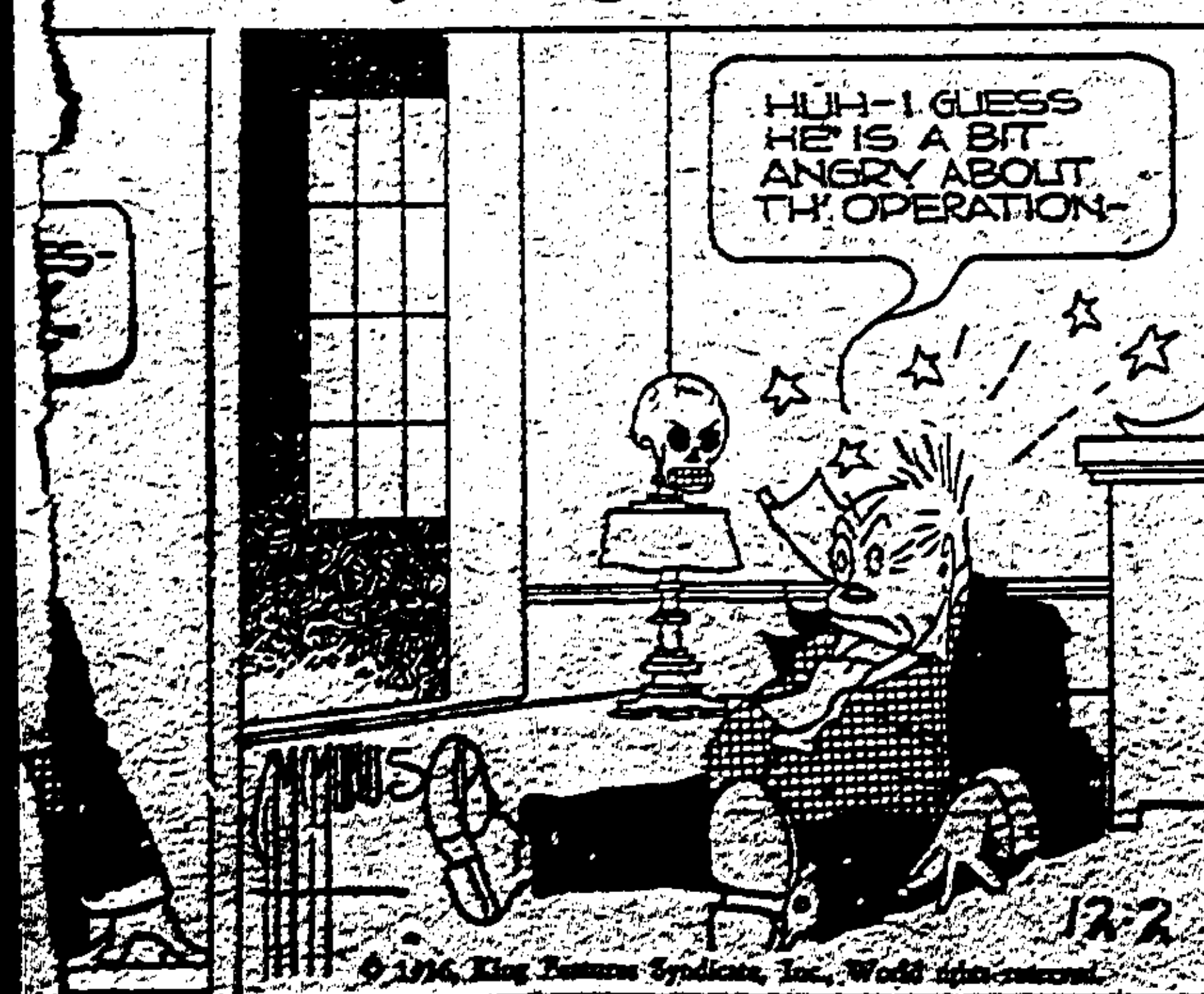
"Lady Peace," which flew the Atlantic with Richman and Merrill aboard is shown above being packed for shipment to the Government in Spain. This was the only consignment of planes to escape the American embargo. No news has been received to show whether or not the "Marcanta Brico" found its way through the Franco net.

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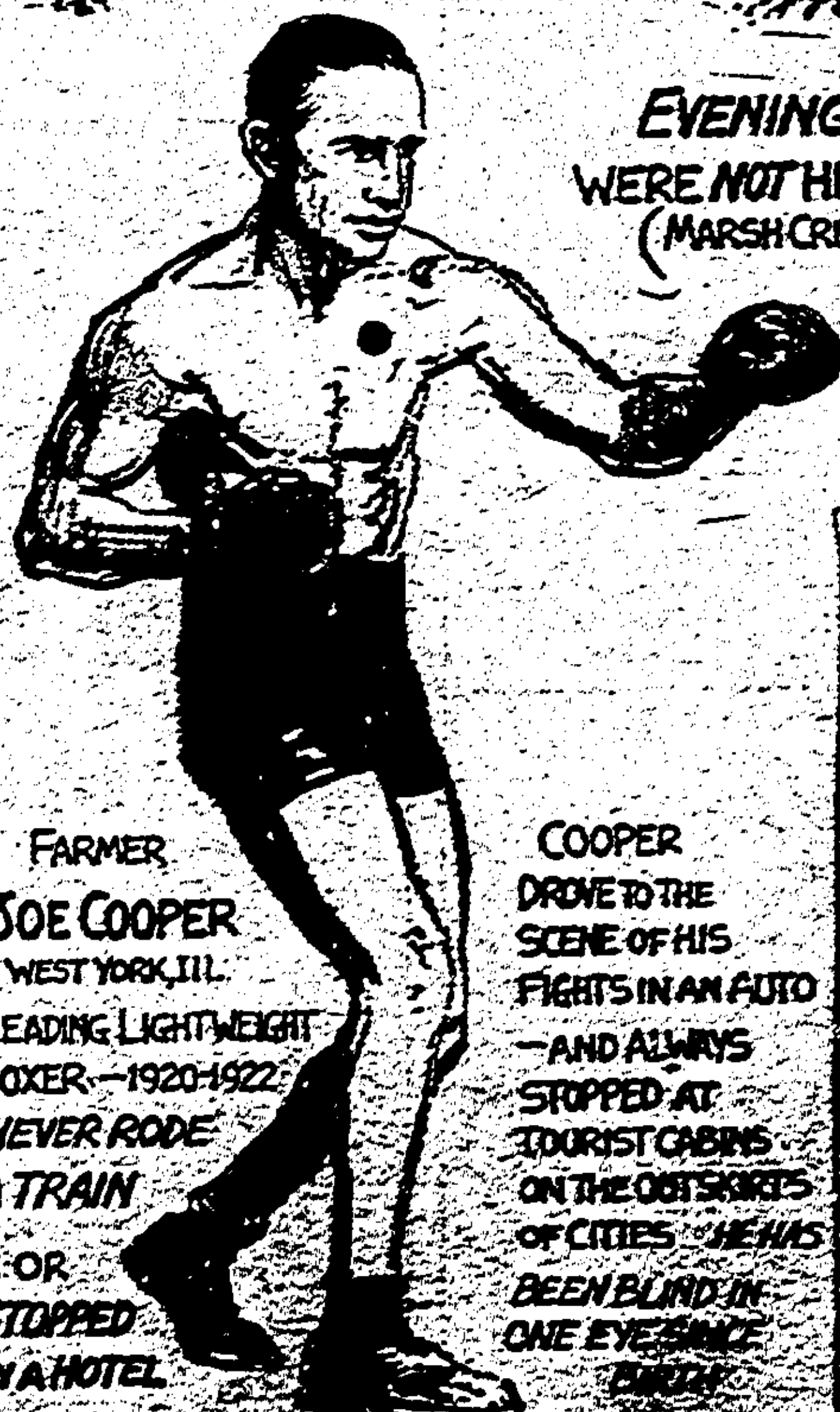
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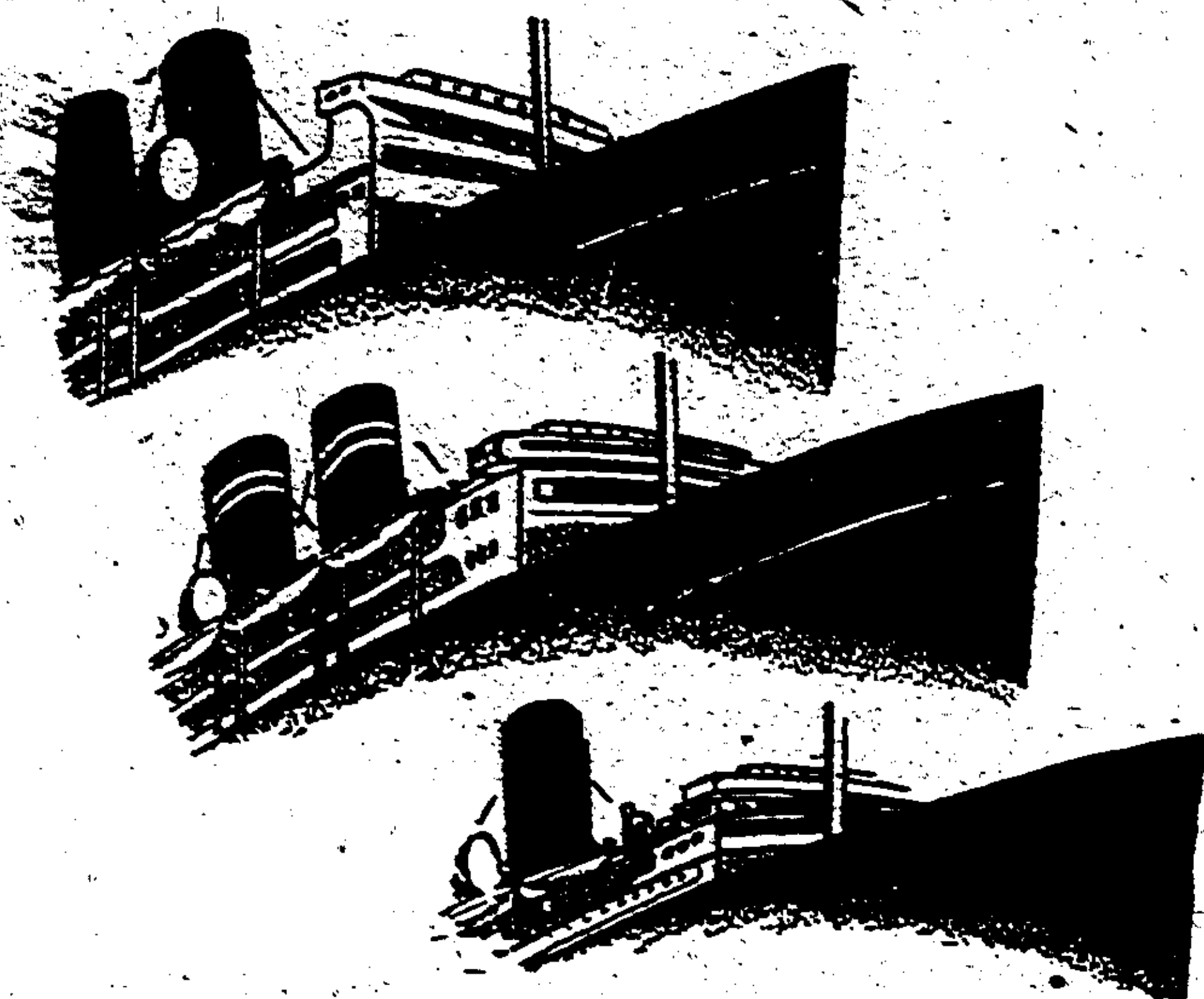
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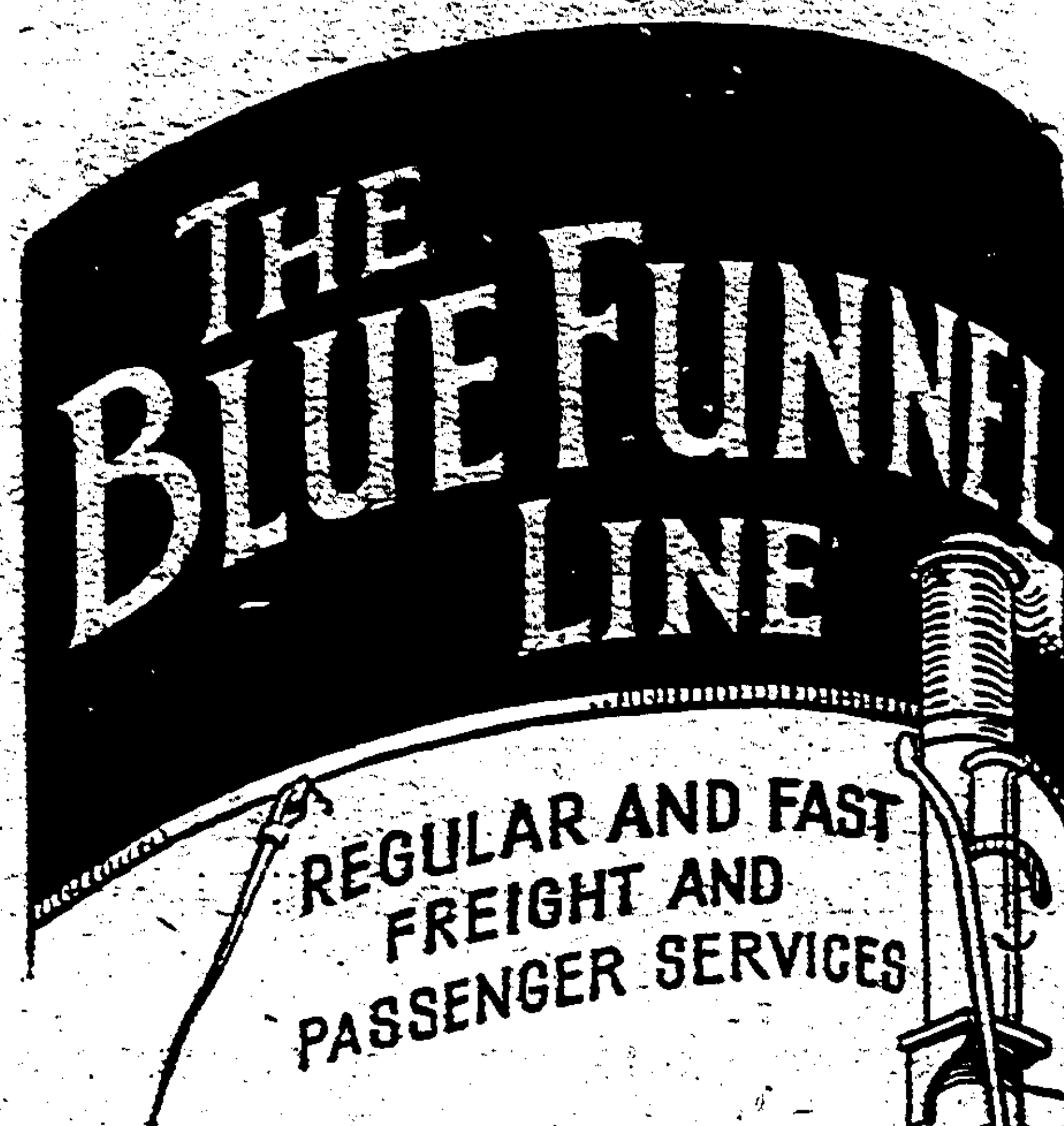
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LOCAL SHARE MARKET

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enquiries in local share quotations this
morning:

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SHIPPING	
H.K. Steamboats	\$8½ sa.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.	
Providents (Old)	\$1.60 b.
MINING	
Ranbbs	\$13.10 b.
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS	
H. & S. Hotels	\$5.55 b.
H.K. Lands	\$36 sa.
Star Ferries	\$86 s.
H.K. Realities	\$4.55 b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
H.K. Tramways	\$13.10 b.
Peak Trams (Old)	\$4 b.
Peak Trams (New)	\$1 b.
Humphreys	\$9½ s.
China Lights (Old)	\$13.70 b., \$13½ sa.
H.K. Electrics	\$55½ b., \$55½ sa.
Telephones (New)	\$11.60 b., \$11.65 sa.
INDUSTRIALS	
H.K. Ropes	\$3.10 b.
Dairy Farms	\$22.60 b.
Watsons	\$3.90 b.
COTTON MILLS	
Shai Cotton (Old)	Sh.\$38 b.
Shai Cotton (New)	Sh.\$68 b.
Constructions (Old)	\$1.60 s.
Constructions (New)	40 cts. b.

Opening Sales 10 a.m. Local in Pesos Currency	
Antamoks	1.55
Atoks	.44
Bagnio Gold	.27½
Balatoc Mining	1.4½
Benguet Consol	.14
Benguet Explor.	.19
Big-Wedge	.30
Coco Grove	.70
Consolidated Mines	.044 .08
Demonstrations	.90
E.-Mindanao	.35
Gumaus G'field	.28
Ipo Gold	.27
I. X. L.	1.50
Itogons	1.55
Masbata Consol	.48
Min. Resources	.40
Northern Mining	.15½
Paracale Gumaus	.76
Salacot Mining	.07
San Mauricio	2.85
Suyoc Consol	.44
United Paracale	1.25

BERLIN BOURSE

Berlin, To-day.
The share market began the new
week in a quiet manner as a result of
the entire lack of orders from west
and south Germany, where the car-
nival season is in full swing.

Further improvement in the money
market and satisfactory sales reports
from the Ruhr mining industry, failed
to enliven the tone of the Bourse.

The most important event was the
increased interest in Germany Rail-
way preferred stock, while Reichsbanks
also evinced a firmer tendency.—Trans-
Ocean.

LOCAL DOLLAR

Silver Prices Steady

The local dollar is steady, open-
ing on demand this morning at 1/2-
27/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 20
and "forward" at 20.

The London on New York cross-
rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.89½,
while the New York on London
cross-rate was quoted at —£
U.S.\$4.89-7/16.

COMMODITY PRICES

The following quotations have
been received by Reuter:—

Prev. Yesterday
Closing Closing

New York Cotton:

	Opening	Closing
March	12.71	12.66
May	12.55	12.54
July	12.39	12.38
October	11.83	11.88
December	11.75	11.84
January	11.73	11.84
Spot	13.21	13.16

New York Rubber:

March	21.50n	21.53n
May	21.50	21.55
July	21.52a	21.55
September	21.46	21.56
December	21.42n	21.53n

Chicago Wheat:

May	134½	135
July	116½	117½
September	112½	113½

Chicago Corn:

May	107½	109½
July	101½	103½
September	95½	97½

Winnipeg Wheat:

May	128½	129½
July	123½	124½
October	112½	113½

SINGAPORE RAW RUBBER

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co., re-
ceived the following quotations from
Singapore in Straits Currency for
Raw Rubber:

Spot 36% b. Unchanged.
March 36% b. Unchanged.
Apr.-June 36% b. Unchanged.
July-Sept. 36% b. Unchanged.
Market:—Quiet.

LAND INVESTMENT DIVIDEND

At a meeting of the Board of the
Hong Kong Land Investment Com-
pany held this morning, the Direc-
tors approved a Final Dividend of
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SCHOOLS TO MEET SHANGHAI XI?

TEAMS SELECTED YESTERDAY

SIX DIOCESAN GIRLS IN THE SIDE

FINE INTERMEDIATE LINE

(By "STICKS")

ALTHOUGH nothing definite has been decided, there is a strong possibility that a Combined schoolgirls' hockey eleven will meet the Shanghai Ladies' Interport team on either Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, provided the visitors raise no objection and the weather keeps fine.

With this in view, a trial match between teams from the Central British School and the Diocesan Girls' School was held on the former's ground yesterday evening, and some interesting play was witnessed. Contrary to expectations, six of the Diocesan Girls found their way into the selected team.

In spite of the fact that Miss M. McCaw and Miss M. Booker have been selected to play for the Rest of the Colony Eleven against the Shanghai Ladies, the Selection Committee were unanimous in their decision that the Schoolgirls, if they met the Shanghai Ladies, should field their best possible team.

From the two teams on view yesterday, Miss J. Hall was the more confident of the two goalkeepers, and always came out to meet the ball. Of the four backs, Miss Frazer was outstanding and hit the ball really hard in her clearances. She has, however, a bad fault in giving "sticks" which can easily be corrected. Miss E. Chang was a good second best, and both were selected for the Combined team. Miss M. Bell, at left-back, cleared well and was sound in her interceptions, but she had a very bad fault and one likely to concede short corners—unintentional obstruction.

STRONG HALVES

It was not until several changes had been made in the two intermediate lines that the right selection was made and both Miss J. Booker, at right-half, and Miss M. McCaw, at left-half, were good. Miss Turner, of the D.G.S., was, however, the best wing-half, and spoiled magnificently while she fed her winger in splendid style.

There were some really outstanding forwards. Miss E. Churn, the D.G.S. right-wing, bids fair to succeed Miss O. Dalziel as the Interport right-winger. Her deft touches and brilliant centres were features of the game, and several of the latter should have found an ultimate resting place in the net.

GOOD COMBINATION

Miss M. Booker shone at inside-right and combined splendidly with Miss Churn in the second half when they were paired, while Miss Bockler made a fine leader, distributing the ball to both wings with equal pre-

cision. She has a fine turn of speed and can hit the ball.

Miss D. McCaw was played at left-half to make way for Miss Roberts, at inside-left, but the latter eventually found her correct position on the left-wing, while Miss McCaw was brought into the

SCHOOLGIRLS' XI

The following have been selected to represent the Combined Schoolgirls' eleven, should a match against the Shanghai Ladies' Interport team eventuate:—
Miss J. Hall (D.G.S.)

Miss M. Frazer (C.B.S.)
Miss E. Chang (D.G.S.)

Miss J. Booker (C.B.S.)
Miss M. McCaw (C.B.S.)
Miss D. Turner (D.G.S.)

Miss E. Churn (D.G.S.)
Miss M. Booker (C.B.S.)
Miss H. Bockler (D.G.S.)
Miss D. McCaw (C.B.S.)
Miss S. Roberts (D.G.S.)

inside-left position in support of Miss Bockler.

One of the outstanding forwards of the game was Miss M. Shand, who gave a fine display at inside-left. She lacks experience, but should find her place in a representative side within a season or two.

C.B.S.—C. Minnot, M. Frazer and M. Bell; J. Booker, M. McCaw and E. Lavitsky; J. Parkinson, M. Booker, D. McCaw, M. Shand and P. Baxter.

D.G.S.—J. Hall; S. Bruce and E. Chang; P. Lawson, P. Dodd and D. Turner; E. Churn, H. May, H. Bockler, S. Roberts and B. Fitzgerald.

Ladies Hockey Teams For The Interport-Week

The following are four of the principal teams which will be seen in action over the coming week-end in connection with the Ladies' Interport hockey match against the Shanghai Ladies:—

Shanghai: Miss Barbara Duncan or Miss Laura Carion; Miss Evelyn Victor and Miss Frances Bomko; Miss P. Pettigrew, Miss Elsie Little and Miss Esther Bloomfield; Miss D. E. B. Bloomfield; Miss Margery Williams; Miss Mary Sheridan; Miss Lotti Schmidt; and Miss Jean McKeown.
Hong Kong:—Mrs. Rose; Miss E. M.

Gray and Miss A. Fowler; Miss I. L. Woolley; Miss J. Wong; and Miss K. Glover; Miss O. Dalziel; Miss W. Marsh; Mrs. Donald; Miss M. Smith and Miss M. Westcott.

Rest of Colony:—Mrs. Lunson; Miss B. Pope and Miss J. Smalley; Mrs. L. Silva; Miss M. McCaw and Miss O. Peters; Miss F. Wong; Miss M. Booker; Miss E. Hamon; Miss P. Gittins and Miss D. Hunt.

"Y" Ladies (Probables):—Mrs. Stephens; Mrs. M. E. Burke and Miss Fowler; Miss K. Tong; Miss E. Thomson; and Miss J. Lakeman; Miss O. Dalziel; Miss V. Bradbury; Mrs. Read; Miss M. Smith and Miss M. Westcott.



Miss M. Booker and Miss J. Booker, above, who play for the Central British Schoolgirls "A" Brawn Cup team, have both secured places in the Combined Schoolgirls' eleven which will probably meet the Shanghai Ladies' Interport team either next Tuesday or Wednesday.

PRO. TENNIS TOURNAMENT FOR WEMBLEY POOL

FRED PERRY MAY BE INDUCED TO PARTICIPATE

London, January 10.

MR. ARTHUR J. ELVIN, the Czar of Wembley, is making plans for a professional tennis tournament about a month before Wimbledon, when the public are getting keyed up for the one great amateur tennis event of the year. He said that he has a tentative agreement with Bill Tilden and Vines for that month to promote a professional tourney, and he hopes that Fred Perry will be able to play.

The professional matches at Wembley last year brought forth packed houses and four-figure gates.

Bill Tilden stated that though Fred Perry might be the first amateur in the world he would rate no higher than sixth in a list including both amateurs and professionals.

PERRY UNDERESTIMATED

Tilden obviously under-estimated both the fighting qualities and improvement in Perry's game.

Fred Perry it was who brought about our recovery of prestige and literally won the Davis Cup for Britain. It might very well be that he will be the means of putting the professional side of the sport over in much the same way.

H. K. LADIES' HOCKEY PRACTICE

MISS O. DALZIEL INJURED

TO-DAY'S GAME AT SOOKUNPOO

The Hong Kong Ladies' Interport Hockey eleven will have their first practice match this afternoon on the Army ground, at Sookunpo, when the selected eleven, with the exception of Miss O. Dalziel, will meet the Rest of the Colony eleven as soon after 5 p.m. as possible.

Miss O. Dalziel was unfortunately injured in last Saturday's final trial match, bruising her ankle rather badly. She is not playing in to-day's trial as she is receiving special electrical treatment.

In her absence the right-wing vacancy will be filled by a player to be decided on the field. The Selection Committee have acted very wisely in giving the Colony team an opportunity of playing together before the Interport clash, and, although the 10 players to-day represent the best talent in the Colony, they will not find their task against the Rest of the Colony Eleven an easy one.

The following are the teams for the practice:—

Colony XI:—Mrs. Rose (St. A.); Miss E. M. Gray (H.K.L.H.C.) and Miss A. Fowler ("Y"); Miss I. L. Woolley (C.B.A.); Miss J. Wong (St. A.) and Miss K. Glover (H.K.L.H.C.); A. N. Other; Miss W. Marsh (H.K.L.H.C.); Mrs. Donald (H.K.L.H.C.); Miss M. Smith ("Y") and Miss M. Westcott ("Y").

Rest of Colony:—Mrs. Lunson (H.K. Ladies); Mrs. B. Pope (H.K. Ladies);

SHANGHAI LADIES HOCKEY XI

Shanghai, To-day.

The Shanghai Ladies' Interport hockey team is leaving here to-day by the R.M.S. Empress of Asia for Hong Kong, and is the same which was cabled through on January 28, with the exceptions that Miss Nora Kelly has replaced Mrs. Jean McKeown, and Miss Laura Carion will be the goalkeeper. Their only reserve will be Miss Barbara Dunlap.—Reuter.

and Miss J. Smalley (H.K. Ladies); Mrs. L. Silva (Recreio); Miss M. McCaw (C.B.S.) and Miss O. Peters (C.B.A.); Miss F. Wong (St. Andrew's); Miss M. Booker (C.B.S.); Miss E. Hamon (R. U. R. Ladies); Miss P. Gittins (St. Andrew's); and Miss D. Hunt (C.B.A.).
Reserves:—Mrs. Burke ("Y" Ladies); Miss J. Lakeman ("Y" Ladies); Miss E. Bockler (D.G.S.) and Mrs. Harrop (H.K. Ladies).

PEERS EQUALS RUGBY RECORD



E. P. HUMPHREYS

E. P. Humphreys, above, is making his second Interport Rugby appearance for the Colony against Shanghai.



FANLING GOLF

Competition Results Over Week-End

The following were the results of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club competitions held over the Fanling courses during the week-end:—

CAPTAIN'S CUP

Old Course:—J. H. Seth 89-20=69 qualifies. Other scores were K. K. Round 82-10=72, W. Keith Robinson 95-23=72, T. Low 86-13=73, Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews 87-14=73, Capt. K. G. Holmes 90-16=74.

New Course:—E. Bathurst 88-15=73, G. A. Stewart 88-15=73, J. H. B. Lee 87-14=73. One score of 72 nett and another of 73 were disqualified as the markers were ladies.

Stubbs Shield (Semi-final):—A.P.C. beat P. & O. Bank 5 and 4, and will play the winners of Harbour Office v. P.W.D., in the final.

G. M. Young Cup (Semi-final):—Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank beat Messrs. Dodwell & Co. and will meet Messrs. Butterfield and Swire in the final.

Captain's Cup—1936. (Semi-final):—W. Sharp (12) beat W. L. Alexander (14) 4 and 2, and will play K. S. Robertson (4) in the final.

Junior Championship (Second Round):—W. Sharp beat A. D. Humphreys at the 19th. D. J. Valentine beat W. N. A. Smalley 1 up, B. D. Evans beat J. W. Mayhew 5 and 3. In the semi-finals W. Sharp will meet D. J. Valentine and B. D. Evans will meet N. K. Littlejohn.

TWO-DAY CRICKET ENCOUNTER

H.K.C.C. To Meet Services

The following have been selected to represent the United Services' cricket eleven against the Hong Kong Cricket Club on the latter's ground on Thursday and Friday commencing at 11 a.m. on each day:

Comdr. Wauchope, R.N., Major Rawstorne, Capt. L. J. Walsh, Capt. Murray, Capt. Macintosh-Walker, Capt. Whitmarsh, R.N., Lieut. C. C. Garthwaite, R.A., Lieut. D. M. C. Prichard, Lieut. R. A. Barrow, R.E., Q.M.S. Warr, Tel. Tuffnell, R.N., Lieut. Gordon, R. M. (12th man).

The Club will be represented by: A. J. Hayward (Captain), H. Owen Hughes, R. L. Holden, A. K. Mackenzie, F. Marshall, D. McLellan, H. B. Neve, T. E. Pearce, L. T. Ride, G. A. Stewart, and E. L. D. Wodehouse. P. E. Baskett (Umpire), H. G. Wallington (Scorer).

BUTCHER PLAYED FOR HARLEQUINS

A. K. MUNRO LIKELY TO COMPLETE TEAM

WINNING INTERPORT SIDES

THE INTERPORT RUGBY SERIES WILL BE CONTINUED NEXT THURSDAY WHEN SHANGHAI WILL ENTERTAIN THE HONG KONG FIFTEEN IN THEIR 11TH ENCOUNTER, WHICH IS OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE SINCE EACH OF THE PORTS HAVE WON FIVE MATCHES.

Although the first official Rugby match was played in the Colony at the Valley in the 1886-87 season — the first season on record — it was not until the season of 1923-24 that Mr. James Ralston, after protracted correspondence, arranged for a Shanghai fifteen to visit the Colony for the first Interport match. Shanghai proved the better side in a very even game and also won the return match in 1925-26. Since then the Interport series has progressed serenely and the two ports have now met on ten occasions.

Hong-Kong will be fielding their strongest possible side, and although the right-wing three-quarter position has not yet been decided upon, I am inclined to think that Munro will make up the team in view of his build, and the probable prevailing conditions, which are likely to be heavy.

PLAYED FOR HARLEQUINS

Several of the team have made previous appearances in the Colony side among whom is A. H. R. Butcher, the stand-off-half and vice-captain, who played against the New Zealand Universities' fifteen last year. He has played for the Harlequins and the United Banks at Home, and has represented Yokohama in Interport Rugby.

J. L. Bonnar, who is making his fourth appearance for the Colony, played for the Old Stortfordians while at Home and has represented Singapore in the H.M.S. Maaya Cup series. In previous Interports he has been seen as a wing-forward and as a stand-off-half.

EQUALS RECORD

W. E. Peers is probably the finest all-rounder in the side and was formerly a member of the Club soccer first eleven. When at Home some time ago, he played for the Leamington Rugby Football Club, while he represented the Colony against the Australian Universities in 1934, and against the New Zealanders last year. This is his seventh Interport, which equals G. P. Lammert's record of seven "caps".

Other personalities of the Colony team are A. F. Walkden, the Colony skipper, who is taking part in his fifth Interport. He played for the Southend Rugby Football Club, while in England and represented the Colony in both matches against the Australian Universities in 1934, and played against the New Zealanders last year.

E. P. Humphreys, who is making his second appearance for the Colony, is also a Shanghai cricket Interporter.

Following the Interport match, the Colony fifteen will meet a Combined Shanghai fifteen next Saturday.

POSTPONED JUNIOR SOCCER GAME

The Kumaon Rifles will meet the Fusiliers at 4.15 p.m. to-day in their postponed Third Division Football fixture at Chatham Road.



W. E. Peers, above, has a splendid Interport Rugby record and has already played for the Colony on six occasions against Shanghai.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

ONLY ONE SENIOR ENCOUNTER

The following are the local football League fixtures for the week-end, giving the favoured teams in pronounced black type:—

SATURDAY

Kowloon v Stonecutters (Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)
Liga v Kwong Wah (Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)

SUNDAY

St. Joseph's v Navy (Causeway Bay, 4.15 p.m.)
SECOND DIVISION
Eastern v Kowloon Chinese (Causeway Bay, 2.45 p.m.)
Rifles v South China (Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)
Lyemum v Athletic (Sookunpo, 2.45 p.m.)
Engineers v Navy (Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)
THIRD DIVISION
Recreio v European Police (Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)
St. Joseph's v Chinese Police (King's Park, 2.45 p.m.)
Kumaon Rifles v Air Force (Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)

PLAYER SUSPENDED

At a meeting of the Emergency Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association held last night, Li Shing-wing, of the Chinese Police, was suspended for six weeks for dangerous play against the Kumaon Rifles on January 31.

TWO JUNIOR BILLIARDS MATCHES TO-NIGHT

Two games will be played this evening in the Junior Section of the Colony Open Billiards Championship, when Yuen Hong-lir and J. C. Remedios meet at the Kowloon Cricket Club, and F. P. Sequeira plays Wong Yui-chee, at the Engineer's Institute.

BILLIARDS EXHIBITION

Playing in a billiards exhibition match at the Club Lusitano last night A. J. Osmond, local champion, defeated N. T. Lee, Shanghai champion by 750 points to 631.

Two races were sailed at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, North Point, yesterday, when Kittiwake (Miss P. M. King) won the "A" Class event, and Widgion (Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson) that for the Mixed Classes.

FOOTBALL REFEREES' MEETING

St. Joseph's — Eastern Clash Sequel

The fortnightly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association was held last night at the offices of the Hong Kong Football Association, and was presided over by Mr. Reynolds, in the absence of Mr. T. G. Stokes, the chairman.

Among the items discussed was the incident in the Eastern-St. Joseph's First Division game, which resulted in a fight after the match in which an official was alleged to have been assaulted and about which, it is understood, a civil action is pending.

Disatisfaction was expressed at the action of the Hong Kong Football Association in appointing the same three officials in the three games against Shanghai, it being felt that while the Referees' Association had no jurisdiction in the appointment of officials, it would have been more desirable if others were given a chance as linesmen, instead of confining all three games to the same individuals.

SHIELD SOCCER COMPETITIONS

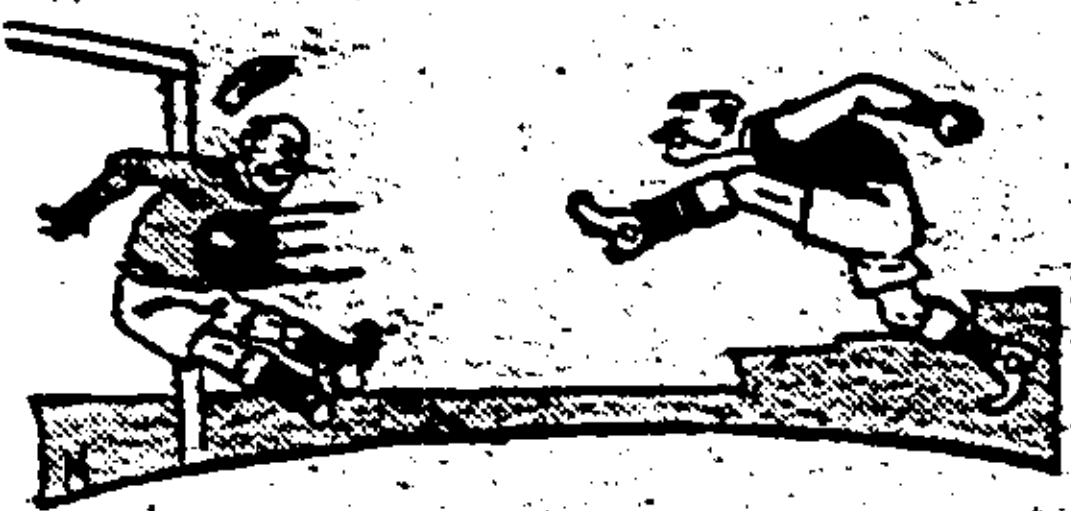
Semi-Final Round Draw Made

The draw for the Semi-Final Round matches in the Shield competitions were made at a meeting of the Management Committee last night and resulted as follows:—

SENIOR SHIELD
Fusiliers v South China "B"
Recreio v South China "A"
JUNIOR SHIELD
Engineers v Lyemum
Rifles v South China

In a friendly soccer match played on the Recreio ground last Sunday morning the N.R.A. "Never Refuse Anything" Football Club lost to the School of Accountancy and Commerce by 7 goals to 2. The goal-scorers for the winners were H. A. Pozario (3), E. M. Marques (2), C. A. Figueiredo and A. Atedo, while M. Franco and J. Gomes replied for the N. R. A.

CHINESE INTERPORT SOCCER SERIES



INTERPORT SOCCER PROGRAMME

The following is the complete Interport soccer programme:—

- February 11. Interport on Navy ground. Kick-off 3.30 p.m. Return after game to Hotel. Evening Free.
- February 12. Trip around the Island. Transport 3 p.m., tea at Repulse Bay Hotel, returning to Hong Kong Hotel. Evening Free.
- February 13. Shanghai v. Chinese on the Caroline Hill ground. Transport at 2.45 p.m., returning immediately after the match.
- February 14. See South China v. East China game at Caroline Hill or go to Kwanti Races.
- February 15. Shanghai v. Combined Services on the Sookumpoo ground. Transport from Hotel 2.45 p.m., returning immediately after their game. Interport Dinner.
- February 16. Free.
- February 17. Trip round Mainland with Tiffin at the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. Evening free or as circumstances may permit.
- February 18. Departure of Shanghai team by the s.s. Naldara.

BIG EVENT REVIVED AFTER 5 YEARS SPLENDID GAME NEXT SUNDAY VISITORS ALSO FOR CANTON

(BY "ROVER")

GREAT interest has been aroused among Chinese followers of football in the Colony in connection with the forthcoming Interport game between Eastern China and South China, and in view of the fact that the latter team will be composed mostly of players from South China A.A., there should be a record crowd at the game.

This series was first started in 1926, but the distance and time required by players in travelling has made competition between the ports not always possible. Eastern China carried on the series till 1932, playing against Northern China in Peioine and Tientsin. The greatest game in the series took place in 1930, when Eastern China, led by Lee Wai-tong, fully extended South China, but lost by 4 goals to 1, after two replays.

In the first game the teams were level at two all and in the replay both sides shared six goals at full time. In the extra periods both sides scored one each. In the third game, the strain of the previous matches told on the visitors and they lost.

CANTON VISIT
The departure of the visitors,

from the Colony is at present uncertain, for after finishing their programme here, they are to play several games in Canton including an Interport with Canton, and a charity game in aid of the funds of the Government Hospital. Several of their players will probably be included in the team against the Combined St. Joseph's and Recreation team on February 20.

VISITORS' PROGRAMME

The following is the programme arranged for the visitors:—

February 11.—The team arrive by Empress of Asia and will be met by officials of the Hong Kong Chinese Athletic Federation and escorted either to the Luk Kwok Hotel, or the Hotel Cecil where they are staying.

February 12.—Trip round the Island in the afternoon. Evening free.

February 13.—Witness the Hong Kong Chinese v. Shanghai football game at Caroline Hill. Dinner at the evening at the Kwong Chow Hotel.

February 15.—Trip round the mainland in the afternoon, and in the evening Shanghai will be the guests at a dinner given by the Chinese Bathing Club at North point.

February 16.—Free day.

February 17.—Eastern China v. The Hong Kong Football Association.



CHINESE INTERPORT SOCCER RESULTS

The following are the results of the series since it was inaugurated in 1926. There have been no games between 1932 and 1936:—

- 1926 won by South China in Shanghai.
- 1927 won by South China in Hong Kong.
- 1928 won by Eastern China in Shanghai.
- 1929 won by Eastern China in Pepin and Tientsin (South China did not compete).
- 1930 won by South China in Hong Kong.
- 1931 won by Eastern China in Shanghai. (South China did not compete).
- 1932 won by Eastern China in Hankow.
- 1932-1936 No competition.

Dinner at the South China Athletic Association pavilion in the evening.

The Eastern China football team which will meet the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation team in a Chinese Interport match on Wednesday next, will be selected from the following members, all of whom are travelling to the Colony:—

Cheong Wing-choy (Tung Hwa) (Goalkeeper); Chong Yau-yan (Tung Hwa); Fung Wan-yau (Tung Hwa) and Lee Ning (Tung Hwa) (Captain) (Fullbacks); Lau Chee-yin (Chi-Nam); Hsu King-seng (Choon Tak); Darkie Chen (Tung Hwa) and Koo Sheung-yuen (Tung Hwa); Lee Yee-sum (Tung Hwa); Tai Loon-keng (Tung Hwa); Suen Kam-shun (Tung Hwa); Wan Cheong-wah (Tung Hwa) and Lo Tai-man (Choon Tak).

Hong Kong Chinese Eleven

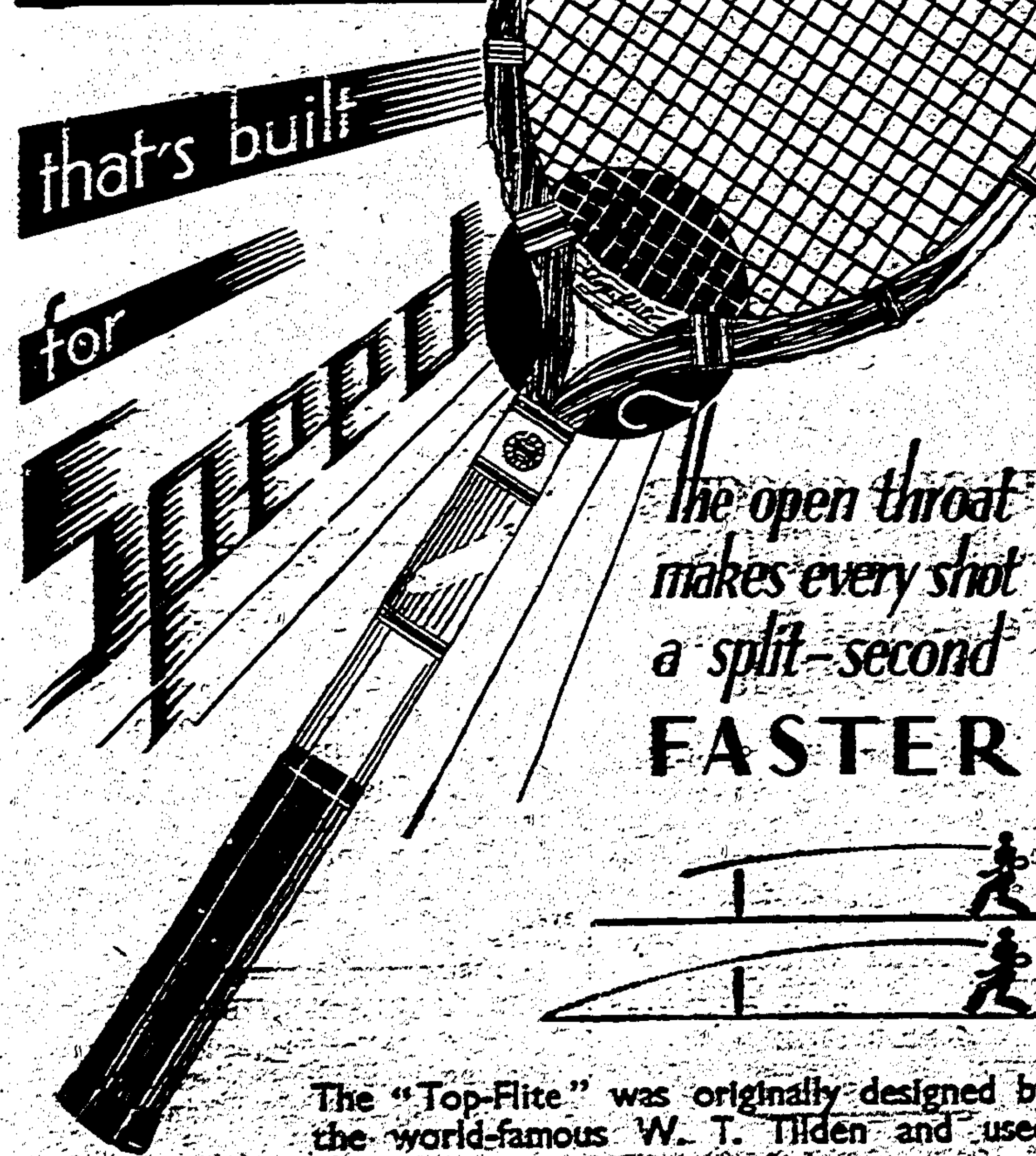
The following have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation (South China) in the Interport game:—

Pau Ka-ping; Lee Tin-sang and Tam Kong-pak; Leung Wing-chiu; Wong Mei-shun and Lee Kwok-wai; Tso Kwai-shing; Fung King-cheong; Lee Wai-tong; Lai Shun-wing and Cheong Moon-wing (Athletic).

Reserves:—Tam Kwan-koon (Athletic); Wong Shek-ping (Athletic); Lau Hing-choi (South China "A"); Ip Pak-wah (South China "A"); Yeung Shun-yick (South China "B"); and Cheuk Shek-kam (South China "B").

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A very interesting "curtain-raiser" to the football match between the Combined Services and the Shanghai Interport team, next Monday afternoon at Sookumpoo, will be provided when the Army Enlisted Boys of the Hong Kong Area meet the Civilian Schools, Hong Kong.

In view of the fact that a Hong Kong Boys' Amateur Soccer League has recently been inaugurated, the clash between Boys from the Military and Civilian should prove vastly interesting, as many of the players are very fine performers, some being good enough for the Second Division of the League.

The Army Boys will play in Red jerseys and their opponents in White. The game will commence at 2.15 p.m. sharp and will be under the control of Cpl. S. MacCormac, R.A.S.C. (Referee) and Cpl. J. Boyd and Cpl. J. Rees (Linesmen).

Army Boys: Griffiths (Fullback); Pritchard (Fullback) and Edwards (Right); Bruce (Scorers); Taylor (Fullback) and Williams (Fullback); McDonald (Scorers); Burnell (Right); Lewis (Right); Lardner (Fullback) and Stone (Fullback).
Civilian Boys: T. Jeffrey (C.B.S.); A. Keown (C.B.S.) and A. Souza (St. J.); A. Sequeira (St. J.); A. Gottsche (La Salle) and A. Ulrich (La Salle); R. Maycock (C.B.S.); P. Jorge (La Salle); W. Pryde (C.B.S.); R. Rocha (St. J.) and A. Cruz (La Salle).

GRAND NATIONAL FEATS

CENTENARY MEET
ON MARCH 19

AINTREE'S BEST
HAD NO LUCK

London, January 10.

Dating the origin of the Grand National Steeplechase from 1837, Messrs. Topham style the race to be run on March 19—for which there are 60 entries—Centenary of the Grand National Steeplechase. For the race of 1837 (run at Maghull, near Aintree) there were seven entries, six of which started. The winner, Mr. Sirdefield's The Duke, ridden by Mr. Pott, and two others stayed the course. Until 1843 the weight carried was 12 st. all round, with winning penalties after 1840.

Since the race became a handicap in 1843 the scale of weights has varied from time to time, the top weight being as high as 12 st. 13 lb., and the bottom weights as low as 8 st. 7 lb. The top weight now is 12 st. 7 lb., and the bottom assignment 10 st.—that is, 7 lb. less than has obtained since 1931 for the lowest apportionment.

All the prominent, duly qualified steeplechasers have been entered, excepting the dual winner Reynoldstown, whose owner, Major Furlong, takes the view that lowering the bottom weight 7 lb. may enable a selling plater to overcome a horse set to carry 12 st. 7 lb., or thereabouts.

Ever since the race became a handicap gibes thrown at selling platers and outcasts from the flat have from time to time been used as levers in endeavours to raise the bottom weight, and thus make the path smoother for the so-called Aintree specialists, or first leads in the Grand National drama.

LUCKY REYNOLDSTOWN

In both his victories luck has been on the side of Reynoldstown. In 1935, when he won under 11 st. 4 lb., he beat Blue Prince (10 st. 7 lb.) by three lengths, but the saddle of Blue Prince had slipped, and Parvin could give his mount little or no assistance after jumping the last fence.

Last year Reynoldstown, carrying 12 st. 2 lb., would have been well beaten by the ex-selling plater Davy Jones if the latter's bride reins had not come unbuckled, with the result that Davy Jones, who had out-jumped Reynoldstown throughout, side-stepped at the last fence.

NO LUCKY VICTORIES

The really great horses over Aintree of other days did not rely on lucky victories for their reputations. When Cloister, and later Manifesto, won under 12 st. 7 lb., the course took more jumping than in the last 10 or 15 years. The fences were not rounded at the top in those days. They were cut square and of great width, and the approaches to many of them were worn and sloped towards the fence. There was also some part of the course in plough or fallow, and the bottom weight was 9 st. 7 lb. throughout the Manifesto era at Liverpool (1895-1904).

Nevertheless the game son of the selling-plater Man of War, won the Grand National under 11 st. 3 lb. in 1897; under 12 st. 7 lb. in 1899; was third under 12 st. 13 lb. in 1900; third under 12 st. 3 lb. in 1902; third under 12 st. 3 lb. when 15 years old, in 1903; and ninth carrying 12 st. 1 lb. in 1904.

POETHLYN'S DISTINCTION

Poethlyn is sometimes described as a dual winner of the Grand National, but strictly he cannot claim that honour. The race he won in 1918, was the substitute or War Grand National, run at Gatwick. But he put up a good performance under 12 st. 7 lb. at Aintree the following year, when the bottom weight was 9 st. 7 lb., and a previous Grand National victor, Sanloch, only carried 9 st. 10 lb.



A composite picture of the Grand National Steeplechase, with three of the best jumpers. (Top) a scene at the first jump. (Lower left) Miss Dorothy Paget's famous Golden Miller. (Centre) Reynoldstown, who has won the event for the past two seasons and (right) Davy Jones, who failed to hold last year's winner at the last hurdle.

Grand National Problem

GOLDEN MILLER IN A DEAD-HEAT

Grand National Chasers
In Gatwick Meet

Gatwick, January 10.

Golden Miller continues to intrigue. To-day, in the Crawley Steeplechase, he gave a perfect exhibition of jumping throughout the three miles of this severe track, yet when tackled from the last jump after leading all the way by Drimmore Lad that electrifying turn of speed, to which we have grown accustomed, was missing, and the challenger managed to get up and dead-heat.

The dead-heat was naturally a blow to the layers of the odds, but it must not be overlooked that Golden Miller was giving 12 lbs. to a horse that is likely to develop into one of the biggest-backed candidates for the Grand National. Judged on that standard he can be said to have maintained his reputation as the greatest chaser in the country.

DRAMATIC EXIT MADE BY REYNOLDSTOWN

CAN CHASERS LIVE
UP TO REPUTATIONS

WIDENING OF SCALES

(By "FAIRWAY")

London, January 10.

The dramatic exit of Reynoldstown from the Grand National fancies was quite the most important incident in connection with the turf last week. Entries for most of the forthcoming National Hunt features were issued, but since most of the candidates among the leading steeplechasers and hurdlers fell automatically into suitable races, there was nothing of special interest in the news as compared with the decision made by Reynoldstown's owner.

It is considered that after winning the race twice the gelding has had enough. I am sure his owner would like to see his favourite horse accomplish what no other horse has managed, that is, complete the "hat-trick," but he does not believe in going to the well too frequently with his pitcher.

The widening of the scale of weights was naturally not considered a beneficial change, although

with regard to this matter the general opinion seems to be that this will not make the slightest difference next March except to a few candidates who can only be expected to be left in the finish with a chance if most of the others are "on the floor" as it is termed.

LUCKY TO WIN

Reynoldstown was, of course, a trifle lucky to win last year. To an impressionable mind the picture of last year's finish with Davy Jones, ridden by Mr. A. Mildmay, coming to the last fence clear of Reynoldstown with a rein hanging down and his enthusiastic young amateur rider doing everything possible to keep his mount from running out, was something in the nature of a thrill that will not be forgotten.

BOLD VENTURE

It would have been a bold venture after last year's experience to have put all the eggs in one basket, as it were, and put Major Furlong's gelding by for another attempt, especially having regard to the possibility of Davy Jones being a better horse this spring than last. In addition, there are a few others, including the two Wroughton candidates, Drimmore Lad and Royal Mail, that have shown signs of developing into grand steeplechasers this winter.

Having regard, therefore, to all things, it was perhaps a wise move when Reynoldstown was tuned up for an engagement last week at Leicester. He gave a splendid account of himself considering it was his first appearance since last March, and with ordinary luck he should play a big part in the Gold Cup.

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LAST NIGHT'S BADMINTON LEAGUE RESULTS

Saint's Unexpected Defeat

CLEAN SWEEP FOR KOWLOON TONG

There were only three matches played in the Badminton League last night. In the only Senior Division game, University "B" rather unexpectedly defeated St. Andrew's "A" by 6 sets to 3. Fincher and Kew, first pair for St. Andrew's, were disappointing and only won one set.

In the Junior Division, St. Andrew's "B" gave a very good showing against St. John's and only lost by the odd set. A. J. Bennett was an absentee from the winners' team.

As expected, Kowloon Tong "A" proved much too strong for Sailors' and Soldiers' Home and did not concede a set. Jago and Dyer gave a plucky display for the losers.

Varsity's Home Win

At Pokfulam, University "B" defeated St. Andrew's "A" in the "A" Division of the Badminton League by 6 sets to 3.

S. K. Lin and S. K. Chang (University "B")	
beat E. F. Fincher and H. Kew	21-7
beat S. A. Gray and F. A. Broadbridge	21-18
beat A. E. P. Guest and F. V. Wong	21-7
C. T. Teoh and H. G. Goh (University "B")	
lost to Fincher and Kew	9-21
lost to Gray and Broadbridge	12-21
lost to Guest and Wong	15-21
S. C. Tye and T. F. Yang (University "B")	
beat Fincher and Kew	21-14
beat Gray and Broadbridge	21-5
beat Guest and Wong	21-11

Clean Sweep

At Kowloon Tong last night, the home team defeated the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home by 3 sets to nil in the "B" Division of the Badminton League.

R. E. Lee and A. E. H. Castro (Kowloon Tong "A")	
beat Jago and Dyer	21-5
beat Brown and Yang Chen	21-4
beat Maynard and Sprague	21-7
N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan (Kowloon Tong "A")	
beat Jago and Dyer	21-13
beat Brown and Yang Chen	21-4
beat Maynard and Sprague	21-10
A. W. da Roza and K. C. Hoo (Kowloon Tong "A")	
beat Jago and Dyer	21-8
beat Brown and Yang Chen	21-3
beat Maynard and Sprague	21-3

Saints Lose At Home

At St. Andrew's Church Hall, St. Andrew's "B" were defeated by St. John's by 5 sets to 4 in the "B" Division of the Badminton League.

T. A. Madar and J. P. Dawson (St. Andrew's "B")	
lost to D. Kwok and S. A. Tremblitt	14-21
beat N. Smith and P. Wilson	24-23
lost to G. A. Smith and E. Koh	16-21
A. S. Bliss and G. A. White (St. Andrew's "B")	
lost to Kwok and Tremblitt	13-21
beat Smith and Wilson	21-13
lost to Smith and Koh	7-21
M. Weill and S. A. Broadbridge (St. Andrew's "B")	
beat Kwok and Tremblitt	21-10
beat Smith and Wilson	21-6
lost to Smith and Koh	16-21

(Continued from last Column) Alves. All these players can be depended upon to acquit themselves with credit.

It is the fine balance of their team which makes Recreio so difficult to beat, and playing on their own courts they should win. All the same, I fully expect the result to go to the odd game.



James J. Braddock, above, world heavyweight boxing champion, has been signed to meet Joe Louis, sometime in June. An offer of \$500,000 was accepted by his Manager Joe Gould.

BRADDOCK AND JOE LOUIS

TITLE FIGHT FOR JUNE

New York, January 31.

Joe Gould, manager of Jimmy Braddock, heavyweight champion of the world, announced here to-day that he has accepted an offer of \$500,000, with an option of 50 per cent of the gate, for a title bout between Braddock and Joe Louis in Chicago next summer.

Gould said that the offer was made by Sheldon Clark, who previously was associated with Tex Rickard and Mike Jacobs.

It will be the Detroit Brown Bomber's first shot at the title since he started his amazing fistic career. His record has only one black mark, the sensational knockout at the hands of Max Schmeling.

SMALL MONTANA AGAIN BEATEN

Outpointed By Tiny Bostock

London, To-day.

Small Montana, former holder of the flyweight championship of the world, who lost his title to Benny Lynch, the recognised British holder, on January 19 last, was sensationally outpointed last night by Tiny Bostock, the former choir boy from Hanley, in their 12 round contest in Manchester.—Reuter.

In the Captain's Cup Competition, of the Country Club, the following golfers have qualified:—S. D. Fong 73 nett, B. Alves 73, A. E. H. Castro 74 and B. Basto 75. Miss Williams 80, and Mrs. L. d'Almada 84 qualified for the Ladies' Cup of the Country Club.

BADMINTON CLASSIC FOR TO-NIGHT

RECREIO'S BIG TASK

BUT VARSITY MAY CARRY MATCH

(By "ADREM")

The "needle" "A" Division badminton match between Recreio "A" and University "A", which was to have been played yesterday evening was postponed on an application by the latter team because of examinations. The match will be played to-night at King's Park.

This game will provide a pointer to the League championship and with both teams at full strength, a very keen match should eventuate.

University have not yet announced their pairings, but will be represented by their usual team consisting of T. C. Lee, K. L. Yong, K. S. Liew, C. H. Soon, T. C. Lee and P. K. Hui. Individually, these six players are among the best in the Colony and include several who entered as Eliot Hall in previous seasons, and won the championship on several occasions.

ASSIDUOUS STUDY

Last year, Recreio by an assiduous study of the tactics adopted by their opponents, won the deciding match on their own courts most convincingly. Eliot Hall's previous superiority had been due to their excellent forecourt play. Their deft touches at the net usually proved too much for the comparatively inexperienced opposition they were called upon to meet in the League.

Recreio realising this, set about to find a counter and decided that the only way they could overcome their experienced rivals was to keep them away from the net. They accordingly specialised on clearing strokes, combined with powerful smashing and this did the trick. Eliot Hall were demoralised and the Portuguese team became the current champions.

COLONY'S BEST

I have not had an opportunity, this season, of seeing the University team in action, but have been very impressed with the individual performances of several of them, principally, P. K. Hui, who, in the opinion of many, is the finest player in the Colony. If the remainder approach anything like his standard, Recreio have a stiff proposition before them to-night.

The home team will be as usual, namely, Oliveira and Remedios, L. A. Carvalho and Silva, Sousa and (Continued at foot of Column 2)

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The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th February to SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1937 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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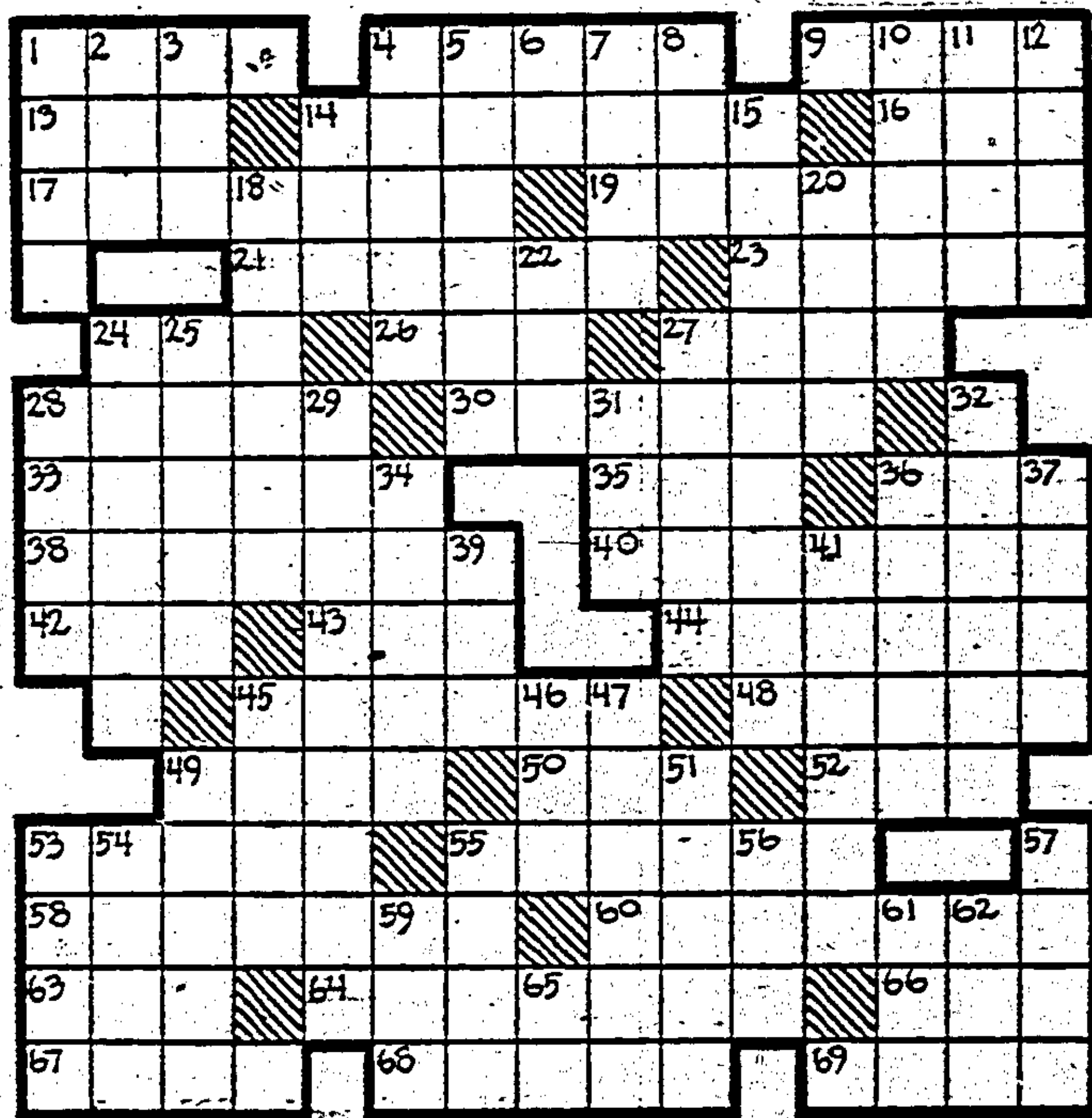
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-world puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Sharp
- 4-Spear-like weapon
- 9-Former Russian title
- 13-Likewise not
- 14-Landing place for planes
- 16-The sheltered side
- 17-Employed
- 19-Direction toward which wind blows
- 21-One who rules for another
- 23-City in Quebec province
- 24-Hinder
- 26-A compass point (abbr.)
- 27-An order of mammals
- 28-Cut
- 30-A heat-unit (pl.)
- 33-Obiterated
- 35-Fish eggs
- 36-Prefix. Upon
- 38-Samplers
- 40-Turned on its axis
- 42-Attorney (abbr.)
- 43-Scotch river
- 44-Kitchen vessel
- 46-Declined
- 48-Revolves
- 49-Thin
- 50-Atmosphere

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 52-The (Fr.)
- 53-Oil from rose petals
- 55-Walk leisurely
- 58-A Spanish nobleman
- 60-Springy
- 63-Ever (contr.)
- 64-Scantier
- 66-Unit
- 67-Act
- 68-Goes swiftly, as a horse
- 69-Indites

VERTICAL

- 1-Was cognizant of
- 2-Eternity
- 3-Unit of work
- 4-Sovereign
- 5-Eager
- 6-Notary Public (abbr.)
- 7-Young horse
- 8-Before
- 10-Self
- 11-Combining form. Air
- 12-Anarchists
- 14-Grow old
- 15-Apparatus for determining distances
- 18-Check
- 20-Moistens
- 22-A book of the Bible (abbr.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 24-Scold
- 25-Stop (Naut.)
- 27-To bend
- 28-Bristle (Bot.)
- 29-Bobolinks
- 31-Make a mistake
- 32-Charms
- 34-Fancy
- 36-To intend (Scott.)
- 37-Date in Roman calendar
- 39-Series
- 41-Ring-shaped coral islands
- 45-Short-eared mastiff (Her.)
- 46-Consume
- 47-Guide
- 49-Gaze fixedly
- 51-Parts taken by actors
- 53-Old
- 54-To corner
- 55-Wither
- 58-Etruscan god
- 57-Deeds
- 59-Combining form. Outside
- 61-Part of the foot
- 62-Tavern
- 65-A land measure (abbr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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HONG-KONG HEIGHTS

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ISLAND

Feet

Victoria Peak 1,823

Signal Station 1,774

Mt. Parker 1,734

Mountain Lodge 1,725

The Pyrie 1,725

Mt. Davis 877

Bowen Road (filterbeds) 297

MAINLAND

Feet

Taimoshan 3,124

Kowloon Peak 1,971

SURETE INVESTIGATING BEACH BODY MYSTERY

7 Washed Up, Bound Hand & Foot

REVOLT AT AN END

NANKING TROOPS
OCCUPY SIAN

ANOTHER GENERAL EXECUTED

Shanghai, To-day.

With the occupation of Sianfu by Government troops completed last night, the Government has broken the back of the Shensi revolt.

Military and political circles are expected shortly to bring the remnants of the rebels to heel.

The garrison at Sianfu submitted peaceably to the Government forces, which promptly undertook the task of restoring law and order.

Shortly before the arrival of the Government troops, General Yang Hu-cheng fled to Sanyuan, some 30 miles to the north of Sianfu.

General Kuo Tsu-tung, commander of the Government forces, is at present in Lintung. He is expected to enter Sianfu shortly. — Reuter.

ANOTHER EXECUTION

Brigadier-General Kao Hoh-yun is reported to have been executed last night because of his complicity in the murder of General Wang Ichih during the coup within a coup at Sianfu last week.

Several subordinate commanders of General Yang Hu-cheng, are said to have declared their support of the Central Authorities, it was revealed to-day by a government news agency. — Union News.

WITHDRAWAL OF VOLUNTEERS

BRITISH REPLY
TO GERMANY

APPROVING EFFORT

London, To-day.

The question of repatriation of those foreign volunteers already engaged in the Spanish civil war has not yet been discussed by the non-intervention committee.

This statement was made by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Lord Cranborne, in reply to a question in the House of Commons yesterday.

He added that the British Government had informed the German and Italian Governments that the British Government was willing to discuss the matter at an early date.

Lord Cranborne refused to add to his statement when Sir A. Sandeman (Middleton, Conservative) asked whether it was not a fact that the civil war in Spain would have been terminated long ago if French and Soviet nationals had not participated.

The Under-Secretary, however, announced that the Portuguese Government were expected to abandon their opposition to the control plan so that the negotiations now being conducted in Lisbon would result in a satisfactory agreement at an early date. — Trans-Ocean.

SPANISH NOTES FURNISH THE MAIN CLUE

Paris, To-day.

The discovery of a series of mysterious corpses on the French Atlantic coast is occupying the attention of some of the most prominent criminologists the Paris Surete.

Seven bodies have been washed ashore at intervals during the past few days near the small town of Tranche-sur-Mer.

ANY THEORY OF THE SINKING OF A VESSEL AT SEA HAS BEEN DISMISSED OWING TO THE FACT THAT THE HANDS AND FEET, IN EVERY CASE, WERE BOUND WITH ROPES.

Sewn into the clothes of the last body to be found were the words "La Rigane (Cadiz)." In addition, a banknote for 500 pesetas and three bills of 100 pesetas were found in the pockets.

Apart from this the police have no clues to work on and at present medical experts are investigating the problem of whether the men were thrown into the sea dead or alive. — Trans-Ocean.

RAID ON LOCAL SHOP

LUCKY DIPS BY
PASSERS-BY
CLAIM FAILS

Some interesting argument featured a claim in the Summary Court this morning before Sir Atholl MacGregor, when the Kwong Fat Cheung Firm brought action against the Hing Kee Firm for alleged wrongful seizure of stock-in-trade, goods and effects. Plaintiff, represented by Mr. C. E. R. Sanderson, claimed \$1,000 damages.

Defendant did not appear and his solicitor, Mr. M. A. da Silva, was also absent.

Mr. Sanderson said that his client was a grocer and sole proprietor of the Kwong Fat Cheung Firm. In the early morning of November 25, while he was in Canton, and a foki, Lau Hum, was in charge, a raid on his shop was carried out by a salesman and two foks employed by defendant.

A constable arrived while the raid was in progress and asked Leung why he was removing the goods. He replied that he was acting on the orders of his master.

Extraordinary Charges

Correspondence passed between Mr. Sanderson and Mr. M. A. da Silva, representing defendant in which the latter "repudiated the extraordinary allegations made."

The issue to be decided, said Mr. Sanderson, was did defendant's foks take part in the raid on the instructions of their master.

The raid attracted much attention. Goods were removed by foks of the Wo Fung grocers firm across the street and afterwards by passers-by who indulged in some "lucky dipping."

After the evidence of the police constable, plaintiff's foki, Lau Hum, was called. In reply to a question by the Chief Justice, Lau Hum said

HOME FLEET FOR THE THAMES

London, To-day.

From May 7 to 13 a number of ships of the Home Fleet will be moored in the Thames and will be available for inspection by Coronation crowds.

Six battleships and two aircraft carriers will be anchored off Southend, while between Gravesend and the Pool of London two cruisers, the net-layer Guardian, the submarine depot ship Lucia, five submarines, the escort vessel Fleetwood, the cruiser Cairo and one flotilla will be moored. — British Wireless.

SPANISH REFUGEES

London, To-day.

Up to the end of last month nearly 17,000 men, women and children of more than 50 different nationalities had been evacuated from ports in all parts of Spain and the Balearic and Canary Islands. — British Wireless.

that while the raid was in progress, he was held fast by the representatives of other creditor firms and the proceedings assumed the proportions of a riot.

Sir Atholl then said that no case could be established unless it could be proved that the raiders acted on the instructions of defendant and added that he was, on a matter of principle, unwilling to hold that a Chinese grocer's firm, although they would go to great lengths, would go so far as to order robbery.

As a parallel he said that if a man went into the Hong Kong and Shanghai bank, pointed a pistol at the head of the cashier and stated that he had been sent by the Archbishop of Canterbury, would Mr. Sanderson institute proceedings against the Archbishop.

Mr. Sanderson said that the statement would be admissible against His Grace.

After further argument, His Lordship non-suited plaintiff but made no order for costs.

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GEN. HAYASHI'S PROGRAMME

Meets Diplomats In
Tokyo

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The programme for the Hayashi Government was indicated to-day as including the unification of diplomatic relations, replenishment of all facilities for national defence, encouragement of industry, and the application of government activities to the spirit of the constitution.

In his capacity as acting foreign minister, the Premier, General Senjuro Hayashi, received members of the Diplomatic Corps and briefly told them that he would continue to promote friendly relations with the Powers and to adhere to the policy of stabilization of Eastern Asia.

Whether the Diet will be further suspended from February 10 to a later date will be decided by the Cabinet to-morrow.

Mr. Koki Hirota, the former premier and members of his Cabinet were received by the Emperor at the Palace this morning. High court officials were also present. — Union News.

ANOTHER PLANE FORCED DOWN

Pilot Again Pleads
He Lost His Way

Paris, To-day.

The third forced landing of a Spanish Government plane in France is reported by "Le Journal."

The paper alleges, that as in the case of the two previous forced landings of Spanish planes, the occupants declared they had lost their direction. — Trans-Ocean.

CORONATION SEATING

London, To-day.

The number of seats to be erected under control of the Government for the purpose of viewing the Coronation procession will be approximately 85,000. — British Wireless.

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